

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL
PTO Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER – See attendance list at the end of the minutes.

Mr. Harrison from VCMS will be discussing programs at VCMS and the Evening of Exploration.

- Important to move up PTO visit dates from May to January – advertise as people have options.
- 4th & 5th grades invited to Evening of Exploration, 1/28/15 6-8 PM – postcards sent before Christmas, addresses from Aspen.
- Parents want to know is VCMS safe, challenging, welcoming.
- Schedule sample
 - Core classes 1 hour long, flex blocks allow for core classes to go longer if needed.
 - Grades move at different times in the day.
 - Unified Arts teachers supervise flex time, frees up core teachers for extra help.
 - Gifted & Talented, Gina Lee. Works with all teams & students.
 - No longer leveled
- Reputation of school, Mr. H 14 years Vice Principal, 2 years Principal. Referrals down.
- Above & Beyond Extended Day program for extra help with school work and social activities.
- Late bus 1x per week
- Not every conflict is bullying. Support staff (guidance counselors, psychologist, social workers, etc) in place.
- Robo call to 4th & 5th Grade parents about Evening of Exploration
- 2nd Step Program
- Advisory Groups – mixed 6th, 7th, & 8th
- Assemblies are whole school not by grade level, creates cohesive environment.
- Excellent staff
- Wireless finished, much improved. Then Chromebooks.
- Testing is for all students.
- Social media has restrictions during school but technology is incorporated in learning.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- Board of Education – Anne Fischer – Mr. H and staff have turned VCMS around in the past few years. Some magnet school students have returned. Staff morale is high. BOE Superintendent budget presenting on Monday, 1/12 6:00 PM. 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28 budget meetings.

- Principal's Report – Jocelyn Poglitsch – Students are settling in to the routine of back to school. New math specialist, Melissa McKey M/W/F, Lake Street Tu/Th. Targeting K, 4th, 5th for now. Help w/ Eureka Math, core instruction, support. In classroom during math time, get a feel for where the classes are. Working off NWEA data. Budget – requested ½ time music teacher. Asking for stipended positions, staff to stay after school to run extracurricular programs. Before school program is being used very minimally. Elementary budget presentation is 1/21.
- President's Report – Kelley Mathes/Kathleen Marth
 - Family Dance – Friday, 2/20, we still need many volunteers to help – ask REK if posters can be made for Family Dance Night. Mrs. Robinson has poster board to use. Paying Mary Carlson in a gift card for balloons. No snow date.
 - Family Game Night – no volunteers needed, just water.
 - Square 1 Art \$2500 approx
 - Box Tops \$640 (to school, not PTO)
 - PTO bought gift cards to sell at Winter Concert, some left.
- 2nd Vice President's Report – Danielle Levesque & Peg Wilde – PW thank you for cookies, Happy New Year. DL – final payment for Boston Tea Party Museum due 30 days prior, balance for Freedom Trail day of. Buses 50%. Tomorrow small group of 5th graders (6) going to Asnuntuck College for team building with high school & college students. Come back and share experience. All five elementary schools go, Mrs. Rosario will chaperone for CRS. Patty Carver assembly for 5th graders coming this month.
- Secretary's Report – Cindy Kristoff - approve December PTO Meeting Minutes – motion to approve minutes carries.
- Treasurer's Report – Mary Stone – approval of December Treasurer's Report – Book fair totals. Error found, MS will correct and well approve next month. Surplus included in report this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All committees welcome new members at any time and no contribution is too small!

No Committee Reports this month.

- Healthy option – Cindy Kristoff will look into to sell with Butterbraid
- Butterbraid in February afor
- Dan Nevelos – DigitalPTO.com, need \$200 – motion to move \$50 from appreciation to technology for new website. Approved. Suggestion to add blurb to school's monthly newsletter that goes out. Work toward blast emails to Jackie to send out via Aspen email addresses.

NEW IDEAS/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- **Family Game Night**, Friday, 1/30 (snow date Friday, 2/6) 6:00 – 8:00 PM – please bring a game(s) and nut-free snack and enjoy some family fun!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Board of Education Meeting - **Monday, 1/12, at 7:00 PM** - Board of Education Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building
- School Spirit Day - **Friday, 1/23** - Community Service Day - wear your scout uniform, team shirt, or school colors and bring an extra item for the food pantry this day
- Jump Rope For Heart - **Thursday, 2/12**
- Family Dance Night - **Friday, 2/20**

Attendees:

Laurie Bajorek

Angela Frederickson

Jodi Champ

Anne Fischer

Tony Vitiello

Ken Gordon

Dan Nevelos

Kelley Mathes

Kathleen Marth

Mary Stone

Peg Wilde

Danielle Levesque

James Harrison

Jocelyn Poglitsch

Sally Robinson

Cindy Kristoff