

Center Road School PTO Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER – please see attendees at the end of the minutes

OFFICERS REPORT

Principal's Report – Jocelyn Poglitsch

- CRS has welcomed a few new teachers this school year.
- At the Ice Cream Social on 9/22 the school will be having a BINGO game where students will need to ask attendees different questions. Once the game board is completed they will receive a prize.
- Parents/Guardians attending the Ice Cream Social will be able to pick up a copy of the school improvement plan for CRS.

President's Report – Angela Fredrickson

- We have many 5th grade parents next year and will have committee spots that will need to be filled.

2ND Vice President's Report - Diane Sirois and Anne Timbrell

- On behalf of teachers and staff, thank you for the breakfast treats.
- Requesting a Buddy Bench. As discussed with PTO board members and Jocelyn Poglitsch the SGC raised funds last year through the school-wide Penny Wars fundraiser and will be donating a bench. If there is a need for a second bench the PTO can look into the cost and possibly donating a bench.

Secretary's Report - Nichole Greco

- June meeting meetings - approved.

Treasurer's Report - Melissa Saucier

- Treasurer's report actuals through June 30th - approved.
- The treasurer role was transitioned to Keri Hermanson over the summer.
- Treasurer's report actuals through August 31st - approved.
- Proposed 2017-18 budget - approved

Board of Education - Laurie Bajorek

- Vernon's student growth, as measured by % of grade 3-8 students who met or exceeded grade level mastery SBAC scores, exceeds state averages. This year, the State increases were -1.4% English Language Arts (ELA) and 1.6% Math. Vernon's increases were 5.1% ELA and 8.7%. Using the same growth model for the past two years, State increase was 1.8% ELA and 4.5% Math; Vernon's increases were 10.1% ELA and 13.9% Math.
 - For the RHS class of 2018, student SAT scores have increased 108 points from the Fall 2015 (as 10th graders) to Spring 2017 (as 11th graders)
 - For the RHS class of 2019, student SAT scores increased 69 points from Fall 2015 to Fall 2016.
- 6th grade at VCMS now has World Language
- 7th & 8th grades have Chromebooks for full-time use in school; 9th – 11th grades have them for school and can take home.

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- Mike Purcaro, the school district's Director of Business and Finance, has been hired as Vernon's new Town Administrator.
- In conjunction with the Family School Community Partnership Center, part-time family liaisons are being hired at every school. Jocelyn said CRS was in the process of hiring theirs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Appreciation Committee
 - First Day Bagels and treats for Teachers and Staff catered from Panera Bread
- Walk to School Event
 - We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate the event with Mrs. Ballok this year.
- Book Fair
 - In need of volunteers during the school day. At minimum two volunteers otherwise the fair will need to close.
- Fundraising Event
 - Rita's Fundraiser: held in June, Sold 42 Fundraiser Cards! Gave us an additional \$168 on top of 20% sales
 - Yankee Candle: Fundraiser started today 9/21. The fundraising catalog will be sent home with students. All orders due by 10/6
 - Ice Cream Social: Tomorrow, Friday September 22. We are looking forward to a great turnout.
 - Paint Nite Fundraiser: This is an adult only fundraiser held on Wednesday, November 29th at Tomato Joe's. The tickets are \$45 per person.

NEW IDEAS/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- Chartered Casino Night: Nichole Greco
 - Spring Timeframe
 - \$35.00-\$40.00 per ticket
 - A coach 55 passenger bus from the Park & Ride lot in Vernon to Mohegan Sun 5-6 hour stay at the casino.
 - The bonus package currently being offered by the casino on a Saturday would have a \$30 value (15 food + 15 free bets).
 - Adding photos to Newsletter, permission?
 - The PTO will work with the Yearbook Committee on photos to include in the newsletter and social media.
- PTO Bulletin Board Area - Jocelyn is looking into a spot where the PTO can have a bulletin board to promote events and activities hosted by the PTO.
- Dream Dinners Fundraiser: An alternative fundraiser where the PTO would select 1-2 dates and parents would schedule a time to visit Dream Dinners and make their pre-portioned meals. Each attendee will receive three, 3-serving meals for \$34.99. Plus, \$10 from each purchase will automatically be donated back to the PTO.

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Attendees:

Diane Sirois
Anne Timbrell
Nichole Greco
Angela Fredrickson
Melissa Saucier
Megan Ross
Becky Nevelos
Laurie Bajorek
Kerri Hermanson
Raychel Wishart
Emily Westerberg
Ali Buonome
Brett Gotlier
Lisa Traska
Carol Line Hazel
Caroline Cooke
Patricia Spooner
Nasha Bhattacharya
Andrea Boria
Melissa Fabuien
Pam Rizzo