

# Cerro Villa Middle School PFSO

## Meeting Minutes - January 16, 2024

**Location:** CVMS Book Room

**Members Present:** Jason Forgash, Jim Aichelman, Joy Nguyen, Michelle Tao, Nicole Ankenman, Wendy McGrane, Erin Flynn, Jeffrey Jones, Katie Marx, Rich Ramus, Mary Thomason, Michele Norman, Alicia Gonzalez, Nancy Savage, Beth Brunett, Megan Artherton

**Start Time:** The meeting was called to order at 8:35am.

**Previous Minutes Approval:** Wendy McGrane made a motion to approve November minutes. Michelle Tao seconded. Motion passed.

### President's Report - Jason Forgash

- Shade Structure Update: the district will be putting in a shade structure over the tables outside the cafeteria and they will be paying for those. We discussed what shade options are on the table with our new district contact. Because nothing was put in writing years ago, we have to go from here and be creative with the limited funding we have for this project. Our new contact is bringing us new ideas.

### Principal's Report - Mr. Jones

- We completed our Elementary Roadshow and visited 7 elementary schools. Five schools were visited in three days with a bus load of students from the band, orchestra, languages, leadership, etc. representing the best of CV programs. Our goal was to showcase the culture here. Academically we are excellent and we can prepare your students for high school, but the concerns we hear in the community generally have to do with campus culture.
- CV is for EVERYONE. We have a mod-severe program, special education, general education, honors program, three languages, music, over 20 clubs... if you're not finding a place to get involved, you're not trying. There's something for you here at CV!
- We'll be showcasing this on January 18th. We're bringing in extra floodlights so people can find their way. The Taco Man will be selling food, then we'll highlight our community for incoming families. Finally, we'll have an open house for current families to see students' classrooms and work.
- Open enrollment is January 15-29. It reopens 2 days later. This is to establish your place in the lotto for impacted schools.

- Career Day is March 19th - if you'd like to speak or know of speakers that the kids' would be interested in hearing from, let them know!
- VPHS has their Showcase January 31st. They'll have food trucks, our theater program will be performing, you can check out their spyder lab and esports set-up, you can get information on upcoming sports camps. Check it out! This is especially helpful for our 8th grade families.
- Mr. Daniels is starting a "MOOT" club after school which is a middle school version of a mock trial.
- We're always looking for ways to build student leaders naturally.
- Thank you PFSO for providing lunch at Grijalva Park during our Elementary Roadshow.

### **ASB Report - Mrs. Marx**

- We had our Elementary School visits this week and those went well.
- The Student Store is going well. We have lots of parents and staff donations coming in, random items and items from the wish list. Next we'll be ordering Spirit Shirts to sell and updating our website.
- Book Fair - January 16-22
- CV Showcase - January 18
  - Clubs will be selling food at tables
- Elementary Schools visit CV - January 26 & February 2
- Student of the Month - January 31
- American Heart Association Fundraiser - February 2-15
- Friendship Dance - February 9
  - PFSO will provide chaperones and food/drinks
- Superbowl "Soup" Staff Competition
  - PFSO will provide 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes again

### **Special Guest - Mr. Ramus**

- 8th Grade Washington DC Trip - June 8-14th - \$3450
  - 4 days in DC, 2 days in Philadelphia
  - The week after school's out
  - Free high school credits, paid college credits
  - NOT a CV-hosted trip

### **Treasurer Report - Michelle Tao**

- November report - company matches came on, not much movement otherwise.
- Next month we can review December and January reports.

### Old Business

- Jim Aichelman - We're working on partnering with VPHS to have some high school athletes assist with our after school sports needs. To be continued.
- Michele Norman - We're looking for PFSO Members to serve on the Executive and General Boards next year. Please let us know if you or any other 6th and 7th grade parents you know are interested. She will also be visiting feeder elementary schools' parent groups in the coming month or so.

### New Business

- Erin Flynn - LegCo Report - There was not much to report as the legislative offices have been closed. Ken Miller discussed the various high school showcases.
- Beth Brunett - As requested, we've enclosed a one page write-up on the PFSO roles on the executive and general boards for your consideration. Joy Nguyen also created a form with the year's events and dates that we've enclosed as well.
- We sadly have a Viking Angels need. 7th Grader Delaney Murphey's father passed away on Friday, January 12th. We'll reach out to Mr. Jones to see how we can support the family in tandem with the school.
- Teacher GOALS applications will launch on Friday, January 19th and close Friday, February 16th.

**End Time:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:31am.

*Minutes compiled by Beth Brunett, PFSO Secretary 2023-2024*

**The next PFSO Meeting is February 20th at 8:30 a.m. in the CVMS Library.**