

Cerro Villa Middle School PFSO

Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2023

Location: CVMS Library + via Zoom

Members Present: Jason Forgash, Wendy McGrane, Michelle Tao, Danielle Ploessel, Beth Brunett, Frederique Pouget, Madeline Morrison, Duyen Dao, Michele Norman, Shelly Johnson, Sophia Medina, Ashli Foster, Liisa Buchness, Dorothy Glickman, Erin Flynn, Natalie Kalma

Start Time: The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Previous Minutes Approval: Although the minutes are available on our website, Secretary Beth Brunett forgot to print them for this meeting. We will postpone this approval until our next meeting.

President's Report - Jason Forgash

- PFSO will be present with a table at Open House to answer any incoming parent questions.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Morrison

- Thank you to the PFSO for the holiday lunch in December.
- Both of our Football teams were undefeated and won the league title. Our Volleyball teams did wonderful as well. Basketball is up next with tryouts next week and this is our last sport of the year.
- In December we had a fun staff vs. students volleyball game as well.
- In December our Choir had a joint concert with VPHS and our band had concerts as well.
- We're celebrating Lunar New Year next week. As a dual immersion school, we prioritize this celebration.
- This Friday is our first Winter Wonderland put together by the Leadership class.
- Thursday is our Open House. It is for both incoming and current students.
 - 5:30-6:15 Incoming Students Presentation
 - 6:15-6:30 Band Performance and Mrs. Morrison's Welcome
 - 6:30-7:30 Classroom Walk Through
 - Clubs will be present, Book Fair in the library, and Taco Cart available from 5pm on.
- Open enrollment starts today and goes through the end of the month.
- Our counselors are visiting elementary schools and we moved our Open House event up to correspond with open enrollment.
- Friday is a minimum day - 12:25 dismissal - and is followed by the Winter Wonderland from 12:45 to 3pm.
- VPHS Showcase is February 1st

- January 26th is our School Site Council meeting
- February 16th is our ELAC meeting
- February 17th and 20th there is no school in honor of President's Day
- Looking for parents to join an LCAP Focus Group meeting to discuss district spending desires at CV.

Treasurer Report - Danielle Ploessel in Veronica Tarnofsky's absence

- We're waiting for company matches to finish coming in to determine final fundraiser profit.
- We will have some expenses going out under ASB for Winter Wonderland.
- Treasurer Veronica Tarnofsky will be back at the next meeting to discuss any further in-depth questions.

ASB Report - Ms. Dao

- Lunar New Year is this Sunday. Ms. Liu planned a number of activities. We're sharing LNY facts in announcements, cutting lanterns, wearing red shirts the following Monday as well as doing a lunch time scavenger hunt 1/23 with music in various languages.
- Winter Wonderland is Leadership's first original project. We need volunteers! We'll have a cocoa bar, photo booth, games, snacks, prizes, and gift bags. Permission slips need to be signed.
- Mrs. Morrison, in response to a parent question: the cafeteria can serve a small lunch in between since it's a minimum day with no lunch period.

Special Guest - Dorothy Glickman, CV Counselor

- The counseling team visited the feeder schools and encourage filling out forms in advance.
- Ms. Marx and Ms. Liu represented languages, which is one of CV's special programs.
- In March, inspired by NCAA championships, we're hoping to bring back College & Career Presentations.
- We're looking for speakers and have an in with a Chapman University admissions counselor.
- Can PFSO provide snacks and water for the speakers? AVID students will be introducing them and leading them to appropriate classrooms.
- Debate on the scheduling of this. Assembly Schedule puts the presentations during 4th period, which could be hard for presenters. However, all other schedule options will have intermittent bells controlled by the district interrupting.
- CV students feeding into VPHS will be registering in the weeks following. In the past VPHS counselors have come to CV's 8th grade classes to register students.

- Counselors visit classes once a month for a special activity. 8th graders did a college match recently. Next up we will be evaluating relationships - family, friends, romantic, etc. This is key because middle school brings a lot of social development, friend changes, romantic relationships and changing family dynamics.
- February 7th 8:30-9:30am we'll have a Morning with the Counselors presentation about students online safety in the wake of the girl who was kidnapped via social media. This will feature guest speakers.
- More information will be coming on whether 8th graders will register at VPHS or here at CV.
- Can we get course options ahead of registration?
- A March 9th Roadshow will have info and a parent meeting should precede actual course sign-ups.
- For information on other high schools, it's best to contact the school directly. Mrs. Glickman can also provide you with that school's counselor's email address. This should also be listed on their school's website.

Special Guest - Liisa Buchness, CV Librarian

- Ms. B is co-leading the College & Career Presentation project, along with her AVID class serving as support staff.
- Spirit Week leading into Spring Break in March will have Homeroom and Lunchtime activities. Students will be creating college pennants. There will be a staff vs. student game, as well as college and career bingo.
- CV's AVID district walkthrough will coincide that Thursday.

Old Business

- Jason Forgash: PFSO Executive Board is meeting to find further information on the shade structure and water bottle filling station projects with the district.
- We've given our portion of the water bottle station money to the district. There has been some change in vendors and price, so we are working on this at present.
- Michelle Tao: At the Villa Park Winter Wonderland event in December and through online sales we made \$150 on CVMS and Villa Park (city) ornaments. We also made \$36 on holiday light necklaces.
- Beth Brunett: The event was a great community outreach opportunity, putting a positive face on CV in the community and offering free games to the children who came.
- Next time, perhaps we can have more info to hand out to older kids' parents. And the festive, use-in-the-moment fundraising options are the way to go (i.e. holiday light necklaces, hot cocoa, etc.)

New Business

- Danielle Ploessel: Do we have a date for the Honor Society “Mardi Gras” dance? 2nd trimester event. Pitched March 3rd, trying to avoid the Serrano Carnival that overlapped last year. Last year’s dance was later in the year due to Covid restrictions.
- Beth Brunett: PFSO is looking for a Grant Writer. Please tell anyone who may be interested or have a contact for us.
- Jason Forgash: for the next meeting’s agenda:
 - Shade Structure & Water Bottle Filler update
 - LegCo update

- Mrs. Morrison: Open House has been on the calendar for a long time and was not intentionally planned the same night as this week’s school board meeting. With recent district upheaval at the superintendent level, CV remains politically neutral and keeps the focus on their students and maintaining the status quo here on campus.
- If in some way students/families at CV are directly impacted, they can reach out to Mrs. Morrison or the PFSO. For now we stay the course.

End Time: Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Minutes compiled by Beth Brunett, PFSO Secretary 2022-2023

**The next PFSO meeting is February 21, 2023, 8:30–9:30 a.m.,
in the CVMS Library and via Zoom.**