

Cerro Villa Middle School PFSO

Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. in the CVMS Library and via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Jason Forgash, Natalie Kalma, Megan Artherton, Frederique Pouget, Joy Nguyen, Danielle Ploessel, Michelle Tao, Wendy McGrane, Sophia Medina, Veronica Tarnofsky, Beth Brunett, Duyen Dao, Madeline Morrison, Christine Alcaraz, Ashli Foster, Shelly Johnson, Deborah Pedraza, Liisa Buchness

Previous Minutes Approval: Veronica Tarnofsky made a motion to approve October minutes. Wendy McGrane seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report - Jason Forgash

- Welcome
- Now that we've raised enough funds for the shade structure and water bottle filling station, we'd like to set up a GOALS meeting.
- Teachers can present requests to Mrs. Morrison and the GOALS committee, and the PFSO will consider how to distribute funds.
 - Mrs. Morrison: The CV Financial Plan is a public document, and they only have \$70k a year for basic running operations. About \$50k of that is tied up in salaries for support staff like the part-time front office liaison for Spanish-speaking families. The district doesn't provide for that since we are not a Title I school.
 - Mrs. Morrison: We truly cannot do it without the PFSO.
 - Jason: Is the funding based on history or actual campus numbers?
 - Mrs. Morrison: It's an equity issue. A Title I school needs to have 70% spanish-speaking population. CV is in the high 50s-60s, but doesn't meet the cut-off. The district feels they can't give CV this without giving it to other schools that also don't meet the cut-off (VPE, etc.) even though the need is not the same.
 - This is an issue you can put on your LCAP survey.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Morrison

- Red Ribbon Week was a great success. It's the first time they've been able to do the full array of activities since Covid.
- The Fundraiser was a great success. We have a banner to hang in the front of the school to recognize business and family sponsors.
- Students loved the dance. We don't have time for another prior to the Winter Break, but we can assess the budget with the PFSO to see if we have enough for a third dance.

- CV PFSO was represented at VPE's Trunk or Treat. It was nice to reach out to feeder schools, and many 6th graders took pictures in front of the trunk since they plan to attend CV next year. Mrs. Morrison was able to come by with her family and meet some 6th graders as well.
- She would like to tap into more events at each of the feeder elementary schools to make connections.
 - Jason: Perhaps ASB/Leadership and the PFSO could represent CV together at these elementary events.
 - Sophia: Foothill did band/cheer tours of campuses to get the kids excited about attending.
 - Michelle: CV students needing volunteer hours for Honor Society could work elementary events.
 - Jason: Student athlete outreach would be another option.
- We do an assembly for all incoming 6th graders here as well as an Open House in January that prospective families can attend.
- We have a Spirit Assembly on Friday.
- We have a new teacher: Mrs. Schuler. She splits a contract with Portola MS, and teaches history and theater. So we will be having a spring play.
- Successful ELAC and School Site Council meetings.
- End of the Trimester is the end of the first grade recording. Second gradebook starts Monday, so students hoping to improve can start fresh.
- We continue to offer the Homework Help hours, 24/7 Paper Tutoring, and individual teachers work with their students as well.
- December 6th the CV Choir will perform their winter concert at a church in Orange.
- December 7th is the Winter Band Concert.
- December 8th is the Winter Orchestra & Guitar Concert.
- LCAP Survey is out. This is the district funding plan that decides how money is delegated. It is available on the district site, in the CV weekly email, and on the student dashboard.
 - There is a competition for the school with the most participation.
 - Open to students, families, and employees
 - Families fill it out for each OUSD student they have
 - Homeroom announcements for student participation
 - Must be filled out by January deadline
 - Maybe we can do another homeroom competition for LCAP participation.
- Thank you to Jason Forgash for speaking to the CV Staff on ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences). His background in law enforcement and social work makes him a great asset. The staff was excited to have an actual expert who's a CV parent and the PFSO President.

- A growing number of our students experience trauma, poverty, foster homes or homelessness, and we need to meet these needs with knowledge and compassion and build relationships.
- Our staff took the ACEs survey themselves and were surprised by the number of ACEs they checked themselves (exposure to divorce, drugs or alcohol, poverty, etc.)
- Mrs. Buchness & Ms. Dao: It was very impactful and informative.
- Thank you to Natalie Kalma for decorating the staff room with fall decor and bringing donuts. It was a kind and generous morale boost for the staff.
- Please spread the word that there are many open positions at CV and throughout OUSD. We need substitute teachers, cafeteria workers, instructional aides, custodial help, etc.
 - Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Flores have been subbing daily since the beginning of school. It makes it hard to juggle administrative tasks when you're needed in the classroom.
 - Subs no longer need the CBEST test. They will take anyone with a bachelor's degree who passes the background check.
 - The staff is maxed out and it's only November.
 - In CA all school jobs are posted on Edjoin.org
- We have 3 new students this week. We've had a few others come over at the trimester break.

Treasurer Report - Veronica Tarnofsky

- We were under budget for the Fundraiser.
- We will have some extra taxes and filing fees this year. These are due every other year.

ASB Report - Ms. Dao

- Thank you to the parents who helped with the fall dance. It was such a success, the leadership kids are pulling for three dances instead of two.
- Dances really bring the students together and boost morale.
- Thank you to the PFSO for all their work on the Fall into Giving Fundraiser.
- Leadership is hosting a Canned Food Drive this week. The homeroom who brings the most canned goods wins a donut party.
- This Friday, 11/18, they are having a Spirit Assembly. Ms. Dao was out last week, so the kids are nervous, but it will all come together.
- There is a Toy Drive December 5-16th. They will probably do a homeroom competition for that as well to encourage participation.

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- Jason Forgash: The Culture & Climate Committee awards students and staff, boosts morale, etc. Perhaps Leadership students can assist.
- We're trying to address equity in outerwear. We will no longer worry about hoodies as long as they are not worn in the classroom. CV will still only sell crewneck and encourage those, but the current plan is to not promote hoodies, but also not punish them. We'll try it this winter and see how it goes.
- Michelle Tao: The CV Holiday Store will return in November and sell ornaments.
- ASB will sell holiday grams in December.
- Joy Nguyen: any other items to sell? CV Stickers?
- Mrs. Buchness: The Honor Society will need MANY parents volunteers to chaperone the Knott's trip at the end of May. The current ratio is 1 adult for every 10 kids. But it's over 5 hours, so it's the more intense district volunteer process. Chaperones don't pay.
 - Shorter shifts to be under 5 hours? Shorten the day at the park?
- Can we post a master calendar of CV events?
 - Beth can add them to the PFSO website.
- Winter Wonderland in Villa Park December 3rd
 - CV/PFSO Booth
 - Sell Ornaments
 - Free Games
 - Pass out candy and CV swag

End Time: Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

The next PFSO meeting is January 17th, at 8:30am, in the CVMS Library & via Zoom.

Minutes compiled by Beth Brunett, PFSO Secretary 2022-2023