

Cerro Villa Middle School PFSO

Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. in the CVMS Library and via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Jason Forgash, Michelle Tao, Wendy McGrane, Danielle Ploessel, Shelly Johnson, Marta Vasquez, Tracey Curtis, Madeline Morrison, Veronica Tarnofsky, Megan Artherton, Frédérique Pouget, Erin Flynn, Natalie Kalma, Beth Brunett, Liisa Buchness, Sophia Medina, Christine Alcaraz, Ashli Foster, Deborah Pedraza

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

President's Report - Jason Forgash

- Welcome
- Zoom participants, please enter your questions into the chat and a PFSO member will monitor.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Morrison

- We are thrilled with the success of our "Fall into Giving" Fundraiser! We met and surpassed our goal, for the second year in a row.
- It was awesome working with Veronica, Michelle, and Jason. It took the whole team to pull this off, including parents and the community. Hard work makes big things happen, and we look forward to our shade structure, outdoor lighting, and water bottle filling stations.
- Recent events include the band playing the National Anthem at an Angels' game, and a very successful Hispanic Heritage celebration for the first time since 2019. It was held in the auditorium and had endless amounts of amazing food provided by families.
- We had a great turnout for Parent Conferences. We value parent and teacher feedback. Please let us know what you think went well and what can be improved next time.
- ELAC meeting coming up on Thursday. We had four parents last time and hope for even more this time.
- We're looking for interested parties to join the School Site Council. The first meeting is November 3rd. We've extended the window for applicants and then it will be sent for a vote prior to the meeting.
- 10/20 at 10:20am is the Great American Shake Out and we will do an earthquake drill.
- Mrs. Morrison is participating in as many community events as possible letting people know that CV is a great, safe, awesome, fun school and we'd love the students to join us!
- There will be a CV Booth passing out CV swag at Orange's "Treats in the Street" event.
- The Trimester ends on Thursday, 11/10 and report cards will follow. It will be a minimum day, followed by no school Friday, 11/11 in observance of Veteran's Day. Tuesday, 11/8 is a staff-only day and the students will have the day off.

Treasurer Report - Veronica Tarnofsky

- The budget is largely the same right now, but the fundraiser money will come in for October's budget, so look for significant changes in next month's print out.
- We will be writing a check to the district for our shade structure.
- We will fund at least one water bottle filling station. We are hoping to collaborate with the district and have them match our stations 1-to-1.
- The shade structure will be installed in Summer 2023.
- Because our 8th graders have worked hard to earn this money, but will not get the benefit of using these items, we will put a plaque up on the structure, honoring the classes of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 for making these improvements possible. What an excellent legacy to leave behind!

ASB Report - Mrs. Morrison

- Ms. Dao had a family emergency, so Mrs. Morrison will update us on campus activities.
- Next week is Red Ribbon week and will feature an assembly Monday, games, activities, homeroom announcements, etc.
- Mrs. Buchness explained the 3-screen movie presentation geared toward middle schoolers. It's new this year and will take up an entire wall of the auditorium.
- There will also be a mural wall where students can fill out post-its about who/what helps them choose to remain drug-free.
- The soccer season has ended and the girls' teams were especially successful. The B Team came in first and the A Team was 2nd or 3rd.
- Volleyball and Football begin soon. Try-outs are now.
- Please contact Mr. Hempel if you're interested in joining the Cross Country team. It is a 3 mile run and we need at least 10 students to form a team.
- The Halloween Dance is the last Friday of the month and our first Free Dress Day post-fundraiser.
- Monday, October 31st, students may wear crazy socks and a Halloween or orange/black shirt, but no costumes are permitted.
- Every Monday is college shirt day. Students may wear CV club shirts any day of the week with uniform bottoms.

Ways & Means - Michelle Tao

- The fundraiser was a huge success! Our goal was \$22,000 and as of this morning we have raised \$24,323.
- The kids earned a monthly Free Dress day on the last Friday of every month.
- Prizes will be handed out at the end of the week.
- Mrs. Buchness was the teacher who brought in the most donations.
- Leadership will hang a banner in front of the school letting the community know we reached our goal.
- Parent emails/social media posts will also go out announcing this achievement.

Old Business

- Preference between 9am start and 8:30am start for PFSO meetings?
Resounding preference for 8:30am both in-person and online.
 - *Going forward we will plan for 8:30-9:30am PFSO meetings.*
- Meeting attendants can park along Serrano on the opposite side of the street from the school, as well as in the back lot on campus.
- By-Laws need to be posted on the PFSO website - cvpfso.org

New Business

- The district is aware that the OUSD volunteer packet is available in English only. After our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, we brought this issue to their attention and they're working on it. Parents unable to fill out the English version are being accommodated in the meantime.
- *Erin Flynn* suggests making all the meeting's docs available virtually for the next meeting. Either presented in the Zoom or sent out to participants or available on the website. Current Zoom participants can request the documents be sent via email in the chat.
- *Jason Forgash* says the PFSO Dance Coordinators are doing a wonderful job preparing for the dance and it seems it will go well.
- *Ashli Foster and Shelly Johnson* will assist with the Health Screenings on Monday, 10/24
- Parking enforcers have been aggressively interacting with students walking in the neighborhood and parents waiting in the pick-up lines. If you have any issues, please contact Mrs. Morrison and the PFSO and let us know.
- *Mrs. Morrison* meets regularly with the City of Villa Park to keep up our good relationship. Some of the neighborhood requests would be up to the district, but this is what traffic is like near every school and the Covid breaks and upcoming election seem to have brought up renewed interest in this "issue".
- Serrano Elementary, CVMS, and VPHS have staggered their start times and enrollment is down overall - both of which are easing traffic. 5-6 years ago CV had almost double the students at 1200 students!
- This issue is limited to roughly 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after school. The congestion is not unsafe, and the current response is too much.
- Before contacting the City Manager regarding the aggressive and inappropriate behavior, Mrs. Morrison contacted her supervisor for approval and he will be taking it over personally.
- *Erin Flynn* reminds everyone that there used to be a city meeting specific to schools where the City Manager, VP City Council, local police, and parent representatives from each VP school could discuss issues, upcoming events, etc. She believes this petered out during Covid. Mrs. Morrison expressed an interest in starting these up again and will bring it up.
- *Michelle Tao* discusses banners being intentionally cut down by adults, not students. These are PFSO banners on school property and this is vandalism. The sheriff has been notified.
- If you see something, say something. Photos and videos are also helpful as far as pressing charges.

- If the banner and traffic harassment issues continue beyond the election, the PFSO will be addressing it with VP City Council and OUSD School Board if necessary.
- *Sophia Medina* works at Schools First and would like CV teachers to know about their current campaign awarding up to \$5,000 in grants. She will send further info to Mrs. Morrison and cc the PFSO.

End Time: Meeting was adjourned at 9:20a.m.

The next PFSO meeting is Tuesday, November 15th at 8:30 a.m. in the CVMS Library and via Zoom.

Minutes compiled by Beth Brunett, PFSO Secretary 2022-2023.