

Cerro Villa Middle School PFSO

Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. in the CVMS Library and via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Jason Forgash, Beth Brunett, Michelle Tao, Erin Flynn, Veronica Tarnofsky, Wendy McGrane, Danielle Ploessel, Megan Artherton, Frédérique Pouget, Christine Alcaraz, Natalie Kalma, Michele Norman, Madeline Morrison, Ashli Foster, Shelly Johnson, Sophia ?, Julia Richard, Tracey Curtis

Previous Minutes Approval:

Erin Flynn made a motion to approve May minutes. Danielle Ploessel seconded. Motion Approved.

President's Report - Jason Forgash

- Welcome! Thank you for being involved.
- Jason is joining via Zoom from a conference in Canada.
- Transparency is important to us. Previous minutes will be posted on our website at cvpfso.org
- Parent involvement is key!

Principal's Report - Mrs. Morrison

- We've had a smooth start to the school year. We have a strong culture right now. There is positivity from students, staff, and families, and low discipline needs. We hope to continue this way!
- PFSO joined a staff meeting and provided breakfast, letting staff know we are here to partner with them.
- Back to School Night went well and had an excellent turn out. Both Mr. Flores and Jason Forgash spoke to the audience.
- We'll continue to boost morale through student and staff recognition and incentives.
- This month was Spanish Heritage Month.
- Board Members and the Superintendent toured CV last week and had positive feedback.
- The staff is well-established this year, coming off of last year with lots of new admins and teachers.
- Mr. Flores ran 2 emergency drills: Fire and Lockdown. He also chose to join the optional District Safety Task Force. Thank you, Mr. Flores!
- Our soccer teams are doing well. Last week they were first in the district and they won a couple more games yesterday. We are working on repairing our fields as they have many gopher holes and dry spots.
- We have a couple of new hires: Mrs. Cervantes teaching Spanish and a new evening custodian.

- Tutoring is available after school M, T, Th, F in the library. Morning help is available M, T, W, Th.
- Paper Tutoring is our 24/7 online tutoring program, available in many languages. Our school was one of the best in the district at utilizing this option, and they paid for a CV staff breakfast.
- A number of classrooms are open during lunches, including the library, the Wellness Center, eSports, etc., they have room to hang out, board games, puzzles, etc.
- We're working with Serrano and VPHS on an eSports pipeline. We have new equipment.
- Homerooms are 10 minutes of announcements and community-building activities.
- Our S.O.S. (Signs of Suicide) Program went well and was presented during science classes. We were the pilot last year, and all middle schools are using the curriculum this year.
- We have a new Raptor ID System in the office that scans your Driver's License and prints a photo badge for campus visitors. We also have Gaggle which flags concerning keywords on student computers and notifies Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Flores.
- CV hosted the Mid-Autumn Festival for the Mandarin Immersion Program and had two teachers honored. We like hosting events and partnering with the community where possible.
- Front Office Staff just completed Customer Service training, as did Mrs. Morrison. Mr. Flores will also be completing the training.
- We had 4 parents present at the ELAC Meeting, which is more than the past, but we'd love to have more join.
- Mrs. Morrison attended a VP Women's League Meeting and emphasized our desire for community involvement.
- Wednesday, September 28th, the CV Band will be playing the National Anthem at the Angel's game! Tickets are \$20.

ASB Report - Ms. Dao, Activities Director

- After club rush, Leadership formed committees to focus on specific areas. Committees change each trimester (Executive Media, Community Service, Spirit & Pep, etc.)
- PFSO Fundraiser starts next week. The goal is to raise \$22,000.
- Leadership students are making a promotional video for the fundraiser, as well as Goal Tracking Posters for the front of the school and student amphitheater.
- First after school dance is coming up on Friday, October 28th.
- Leadership class is encouraged to be creative, present ideas, and that their input matters. They've created a shared Google Doc of ideas including Sports Highlights, Lunch Games, etc.

- After events they review the pros/cons of an event and what can be improved.
- Plan to start an Athlete of the Month to accompany Student of the Month and be more inclusive.
- Proposed a Picnic & Paint Day with a soda bar or lemonade stand.

Special Guest - Mr. Hempel, P.E. Teacher

- This is the second year of the Wellness Program and it's going really well. He'd like to partner with the PFSO to fundraise for some additions.
- Field Trips - Museum of Tolerance, Environmental Clean-up
- Remodel Classroom 502 (3-5 year goal) - Remove permanent woodshop tables and replace flooring with rubber flooring that works for physical activities and general use. It's a large, well ventilated room with high ceilings, and is already used for his homeroom and wellness classes.
- He's starting a paid before-school Scholar-Athlete Program. He's been running summer programs since 2016, breaking during Covid. Plans for an October 17th start date and will start promoting it this week. There will be two 8-week sessions, one in fall, one in spring. 7am start time with gates open for drop-off from 6:50-7:10 a.m. The scholar side will feature a mentor program with VPHS students on Mondays and Wednesdays and will focus on high school readiness, peer to peer communication, workload balance, etc. Teddy Vo (math teacher and track coach at VPHS) will recruit high school mentors. The athlete side will focus on fitness and speed training on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Coach Vo and Coach Dorsey. Fridays will be review days and feature wellness workshops. Students can sign up as a scholar, athlete, or both. Long-term goals include looping in elementary students and having 12th, 11th, and 10th grade students mentor 8th and 7th graders. Then 9th, 8th, and 7th mentor incoming 5th and 6th graders.
- He will be on paternity leave in early 2023 as he is expecting a baby girl with his wife. Congratulations on 2 under 2, Mr. Hempel!
- Jason Forgash recommends setting up a meeting between Mr. Hempel and the Executive Board for further planning.

Ways & Means Report - Michelle Tao

- The "Fall into Giving" Fundraiser kicks off next Monday and runs September 27 - October 18. Our goal is to raise \$22,000 for a shade structure over the amphitheater, outdoor event lighting, and additional water bottle filling stations.
- Top raising students earn prizes. 1st place - \$300 Visa gift card. 2nd place - \$150 Cinemark gift card. 3rd place - \$75 SkyZone gift card.

- Every student who registers and sends 10 emails/texts is entered into a daily gift card raffle the first week.
- Every student who raises over \$50 will be entered into a raffle for Apple AirPods at the end of the Fundraiser.
- Business & Family Sponsorships are available in three levels.
 - \$100 - name listed on shared banner
 - \$300 - name listed on shared banner, on the PFSO website, on the marquee, and on Pledgestar
 - \$500 - name listed on their own banner, on the PFSO website, on the marquee, and on Pledgestar.

Treasurer Report - Veronica Tarnofsky

- 2022-2023 Budget Proposal
- Fundraiser goal is up. ASB is allotted \$500 for snacks and drinks for dances. ASB is also having their \$4,000 redistributed. Fundraiser expenses were down. Principal's Fund previously held ASB Funds, so that's much lower.
- Staff Appreciation events include:
 - Back to School Breakfast (August)
 - Holiday Luncheon (December)
 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (May)
- \$15k is set aside for the shade structure from last year's fundraiser.
- Fireworks Update: We raised \$2,000 with only 4 volunteers. We can make a lot more money if we fill our shifts.
- Michele Norman recommends pursuing selling the vouchers.
- Jason Forgash recommends a follow-up Fireworks meeting in early 2023 to make sure we're on track.
- Actual vs. Budget points of note: Registration expenses right on target and Back to School Breakfast had some money leftover that will be allotted toward the next staff luncheon in December.

2022-2023 Budget Approval:

Michelle Tao made a motion to approve the budget. Erin Flynn seconded. Motion Approved.

General Board Reports

- A Volunteer text/email blast went out to about 115 people. We've had 28 responses so far, including many PFSO board members.
- We've instituted a Class Fundraising Policy to partner with graded courses at CV that would like to use our non-profit status to collect funds for their classes.
- 7th Grade Parent needed to assist Melissa Dickey with Staff Appreciation.
- Fireworks Chair needed.

- We may need 7th Grade Dance Coordinators.

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- *Natalie Kalma* - Do you recommend buying the computer insurance?
 - Definitely worth considering. Should be under \$50 per year and covers any accident. Michele Norman pointed out that they charge \$40 just for a replacement cord. Students bring their computers to the library to arrange for repairs or trade it in for an alternate device, if available.
- *Veronica Tarnofsky* - Should the meeting be moved to 8:30 a.m.?
 - Some votes for yes. Some prefer to keep it at 9 a.m.
 - Jason Forgash recommends trying 8:30 a.m. (right after drop-off) next time to see if we have a bigger turnout.

End Time: Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next PFSO meeting is October 18th at 9 a.m. at the CVMS Library and via Zoom.

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