

December 14, 2006 CVPO Meeting and Principal Coffee

CVPO Business

Introduction and Welcome: CVPO President Roberta Lundeberg opened the meeting with a welcome to all attending and introductions.

Minutes: The minutes of the 11/09/06 meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Notes of congratulations were sent to Mike Helle on the birth of his child and to Mike Stair on the event of his marriage. Get well notes were sent to Jody Bevandich, Andrea Hopkins and parent Nancy Wortman.

Treasurer's Report: After distribution of approximately \$1800 in teacher grants that were approved at the November meeting, funds of \$3,200 are available. This month \$1000 was disbursed for the budgeted 2006 summer mailing.

Teacher Grants: The Grants Committee met and reviewed the 12 proposals received. Four of the proposals were met through donations, one was met through another funding agency, and three will be sent to the CVPO listserv as donation requests. \$1791.00 was granted to fund the remaining four proposals. They are for computer headphones, books for the learning lab and English departments, five computer surge protectors, and VGA cables and amplifiers.

The previously donated items are a relay and lining for kilns, a shop-vac, and venturi burners.

The following items were not funded:

2-3 electric pencil sharpeners (\$13 each)
15 computer surge protectors (\$21 each)
Math protractors and compasses (50 each)

Parent donations of these items would be very much appreciated.

Volunteer News: Roberta apologized for a miscommunication which has delayed publication of the Student Directory. New volunteers have agreed to complete the work and it will be available after the holidays.

After several years of coordinating registration which is held each year in August, Sue Johnson is stepping down. Freshman and sophomore parents are encouraged to consider taking on this important job. It's an exciting and enjoyable event and Sue has it efficiently organized and ready to hand over. For more information or to volunteer please reply.

Senior All-Night Party: Ellen Derocher and Julie Gardner reported on the status of the spring 2007 event. It will be held from midnight to 6 am on the night of graduation (June 11, 2007) at the Dixon Recreation Center on the OSU campus. All seniors from both CV and CHS are invited and adults associated with both schools volunteer in the planning and operation of the party which has a budget of \$35,000. Local businesses donate numerous items, which are given away along with cash to the participants during the party as incentives to attend.

The goal of the event is to provide an enjoyable and safe social gathering for the graduates. The party has been thrown for many years consecutively.

Chairpersons are still needed for Parking and Take Down. The "parking" chair coordinates volunteers who direct parking and a shuttle service at the Reser Stadium lot at the beginning of the party. The "take down" chair directs the dismantling of the party the following morning. Beside these two positions, there are other areas that still need volunteers, from the casino to the climbing wall to the food service. Many parents of seniors at both high schools are needed to make this event successful.

Parents of this year's juniors are encouraged to get involved so that there is a smooth transition to throwing the party for their students next year. It is especially convenient for parents of juniors to coordinate the party set-up and decorating, freeing senior parents to attend graduation and enjoy their families before the party begins.

If you'd like to get involved in the Senior All-Night Party, please e-mail adamski@proaxis.com.

Principal Topics

Review of Drug and Alcohol Forum: Cherie Stroud characterized this event as poorly attended but generally well presented. OSU Pharmacy students gave a power point titled "Drug Abuse and Addiction" which will be refined with the administration's guidance before presentation to the CV student body. Eric Alexander, OSU substance abuse prevention coordinator, talked about the transition from high school to college and how students can be better aware of their vulnerabilities concerning alcohol. He will present to the seniors in the spring. Parents can learn more by visiting the web-site www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov. Finally, Judge David Connell talked about his own experience with a son who abused drugs during high school.

At the forum, Cherie encouraged parents and students to contact her regarding any concerns. Confidentiality will be protected.

Review of Winter Formal: This event was well planned and well attended and overall very successful. Cherie's main criticism was with the DJ's choice of music after the beginning of the dance. Lora Hediger was thanked for her work on the dance.

Athletics Funding: Director of Activities and Athletics Craig Ellingson addressed parent concerns regarding funding of athletic teams and other student organizations. He described the 19 OSAA athletic teams and activities at CV as well as the 29 clubs and how they are funded. He presented budget data on OSAA athletic team expenses and income. These teams are funded through user fees, gate income, and by the district and their major expenses are for coaching and administration salaries and benefits, officiating, and transportation. Coaches determine how money acquired by through fundraising is spent. Next year, with the voter-approved levy, the Athletics and Activities budget is expected to be \$325,000-\$350,000.

There was extensive discussion about team fundraising, with many saying that they are more willing to donate when they know exactly what the money will be used for. There was also discussion about how to encourage more students to participate on teams and how to keep the user fee from being a disincentive.

Craig encouraged any parent with concerns about athletics and activities to contact him.

Graduation requirements: There was insufficient time to address this issue so it was tabled until the January meeting. At that meeting on Jan. 11th, a session for parent feedback on changes to the graduation requirements will be held from 10-11 am. A session on district initiatives on visioning will be held from 11 am-12 noon. The Principal Coffee will be held beginning at noon. Parents with students still in middle school are encouraged to attend the first session.

Upcoming Event:

Thursday, Jan 11, 2007: CVPO meeting and Principal Coffee, staff dining room, **10 a.m. Note change of time.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Vincent