

September 14, 2006 CVPO Meeting and Principal Coffee

CVPO Business

Introduction and Welcome: Roberta Lundeberg opened the meeting with a welcome to all attending and everyone introduced themselves.

Correspondence: Thank you cards from the entire staff were received for the Spring Staff Appreciation Luncheon and the Fall Back to School Breakfast. Thank you cards for going away gifts were received from Terry Carnes, Gloria Schoenholtz, and Judy Jackson.

Treasurer's Report: Available funds of \$1,706.99 were reported. This figure does not include \$1000 budgeted for mailing costs of the registration packets, for which the CVPO has not received a bill. An item of note was the Staff Appreciation Lunch, which was a combined event for certified and classified staff with a combined budget of \$225. The organizers think that \$300 should be budgeted for this event.

The budget for printing and mailing the Raider News was \$1000; however with the majority of families receiving the News on-line, this figure can be much smaller. It was decided last spring to give the \$1000 allocated for the News to the school to be used for the August mailing of registration materials.

Debbie Cassidy will prepare a 2006-2007 budget based on last year's proposed and actual budgets. The CVPO will vote on approval of the new budget at the October meeting.

Volunteer News: Amy Adamski has prepared the new volunteer interests list and it contains 268 families. If you wish to be included on this list, please fill out a yellow Volunteer Interest form, available in the front office, and leave it with the receptionist.

Folks are needed to help direct parents at the open house on Monday, Sept. 18th, both before and during the event. Please contact Roberta Lundeberg at lundeberg@earthlink.net.

Nancy Pliskin in the Career Center has a need for parents who are willing to read student college and scholarship application essays and offer feedback. She also needs parents to help during the Oregon University Visitation event on Wednesday, October 18 during B block. Please contact her at nancy.pliskin@corvallis.k12.or.us or 757-5916.

Due to other obligations, Mary Frederick is stepping down from the position of correspondence secretary so we are looking for someone to fill this spot. Please reply if you are interested.

Volunteers are needed for the Senior All-Night Party. There are many positions to fill, including planning, fundraising, and at the event. Grandparents, junior parents, and others are encouraged to get involved also. Please contact Ellen Derocher (ellenkd@comcast.net) or Julie Gardner (gardnerfarm1@hotmail.com).

CV has an opening on the Site Council. Please contact lundeberg@earthlink.net to begin the application process.

Officers for the '06-'07 school year are:

President: Roberta Lundeberg

Secretary: Alex Vincent

Treasurer: Debbie Cassidy

Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Adamski

Corresponding Secretary: **Open**

Event Coordinator: Mary Marshall

Chairpersons for the '06-'07 school year are:

Senior All-Night Party: Ellen Derocher

Receptionists Coordinator: Tammy Davis

Raider News Formatter: Chris Franke

Raider News Writer: Susan Howard

Raider News Calendar: Sandy Nash

Student Directory: Laura Campbell

Registration Coordinator: Sue Johnson

Fall Breakfast Coordinator: Lora Hediger

Open House Coordinator: Roberta Lundeberg

Fall Conference Dinner Coordinator: Daryl Thaw

Spring Conference Dinner Coordinators: Mary Marshall and Mary Frederick

Staff Appreciation Lunch Coordinator: Daryl Thaw

National Honor Society Initiation Coordinator: Mary Frederick

Summer Mailing 2007 Coordinator: Genevieve Marstall

E-mail List: The following e-mail list policy was adopted at the May 2006 meeting.

E-mail sent to the Crescent Valley High School parent list will be based on the following guidelines:

1. *CVPO meeting announcements, meeting minutes, and other business.*
2. *Announcements of CV parent meetings and school information.*
3. *Volunteer and donation requests related to CV from the CVPO, school administration, staff, parents, and students.*
4. *Announcements of CV fundraisers.*
5. *Key communications from the district office.*

The e-mail list will not be used for the following:

1. *Fundraisers not connected with CV.*
2. *Political statements and recruiting.*

E-mail requests that do not fall under these guidelines must be approved by the CVPO Executive Committee.

Office Max Cartridge Policy Change: From the store, "Recycle any ink cartridge and receive \$3.00 off instantly on any in-store purchase or receive a free ream of recycled paper. \$3.00 minimum purchase required. Limit 10 per customer, per transaction." The paper being offered usually sells for \$5.79. Many parents have donated paper obtained in exchange for empty cartridges to CV, so please note this change in policy.

Jerri Barr, Attendance Secretary, spoke on the new policy regarding sending messages to students during class time. It reads:

"Please make arrangements prior to school hours regarding medical appointments, after-school transportation, lunches, etc. It is very disruptive to the learning environment to enter a room once class has begun. Therefore, we will not interrupt class unless there is an emergency. Students can check for messages posted on the kiosks in the main hallway or on their locker. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Absences can be pre-arranged by submitting to the attendance office a form, signed by parent and teachers, prior to the absence. The form is available in Jerri's office or can be downloaded soon from the CV website:

<http://www.csd509j.net/cvhs/>

Also soon to be available on the school website is the Student Handbook which includes the attendance policies. Please review these, especially if you are new to CV.

Principal Topics

New Staff: Principal Cherie Stroud introduced Jonathan Fost, CV's new interim Assistant Principal as well as all the new staff members. Next year, the school will put out an August Raider News that will include any staffing changes.

Open House: Will be held on Monday, September 18th from 7-9 p.m. Start at your student's first period class. Students will be given a schedule form to fill in and bring home. Please bring this with you to Open House. CVPO and Raider Boosters information, along with refreshments will be offered. The Principals and counselors will be available.

Scheduling: A number of factors led to an unusually large number of student schedule problems at the beginning of this school year.

1. The late implementation of the new district transfer policy last spring which meant that there wasn't enough time for the staff to correct individual schedule problems prior to registration.
2. School size and block schedule. CV's smaller student body results in more singleton classes which constrain student schedules. CV projected enrollment was 1,038 students with an actual enrollment of 1,045, while CHS projected 1,320 with an actual of 1,350. There is not a good balance between alternating classes, which meet year-long and block classes, which meet every day for a semester. Students will receive one grade per credit for all classes.
3. The scheduling software doesn't predict certain conflicts and doesn't prioritize courses, i.e. academic course scheduling taking priority over electives. The two high schools in our district are considering different software.

Advisor: Organized by grade level now. This allows for class meetings and focus on the new career-related graduation requirements.

The district directed that the first day of school be full-day this year and not the traditional half-day for all except freshmen. On the first day, students met for an extended period in advisor during which they discussed student expectations and reviewed policies as outlined in the Student Handbook, which they all should have received.

Dance Policy: Cherie presented this written explanation of the dance policy:

"Dances are usually sponsored by school clubs or organizations as fundraising activities. They generally occur in the cafeteria; Student Body Cards are required for admission. As school sponsored events, students are expected to dress and behave in accordance with district policy and school guidelines/expectations. Lewd and unruly behavior, profane language and disrespect for authority will not be tolerated. Attire or dance that violates the school sexual harassment policy, inappropriate or unsafe behavior such as moshing, lifting students overhead, etc. is not allowed and will result in disciplinary action and loss of dance privileges.

If you wish to bring a friend who does not attend CVHS, you must submit the guest's name and school to the office for approval from an administrator. Permission will be granted or denied on an individual basis. Generally only high school aged students will be admitted. Middle School students are never admitted. Dances generally end at 11:00 p.m.

Once a student arrives at a dance, they are not allowed to leave and return. The district has a fundamental and ethical obligation to prevent drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and to maintain a drug-free environment. Violators shall be suspended or expelled and referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. An attempt will be made to contact parents/guardian. "

Cherie discussed the history behind the dance policy, her observations at dances last year and at the first dance of this year on September 8th, and discussions with other school officials on this subject. A group of CV students has taken a leadership role on this issue, and, as one example, is creating a play list of music for future dances.

Cherie expressed concern that there is an alcohol problem associated with home football games and dances. At the first home football game, some students were turned away at the gate because they smelled of alcohol. It was reported that there may have been students drinking in the parking lot, although this was not witnessed by school staff. According to agreements in our new athletic league, open containers will no longer be allowed to come into the game. Usually there is a police presence at games, but there was not on September 8th. Cherie is considering alternatives for monitoring for when the police can't be present. The league policy is to cite any student using alcohol, regardless of school affiliation.

Finally, several parents expressed concern over students driving too fast in the CV parking lot and frontage road and driving the wrong way through the one-way sections of the lot. The sheriff's department is usually very helpful here and they should be called when a problem is observed.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 18, 7-9 p.m: Open House

Friday, September 29: No School, professional development day for staff

Saturday, October 7: Homecoming Dance

Thursday, October 12, 11 a.m: CVPO meeting and Principal Coffee

Friday, October 13: No School, non-contract day for staff

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Vincent