

General CoMP meeting
October 18, 2022
7pm via zoom

1. Welcome and call to order @ 7pm.
2. Officers Report
Minutes from previous meetings cannot be approved as of now because we do not have a quorum.
3. Teachers Report
 - a. Lower (Andrea) Thanks and appreciation go out to all the parents volunteers for all their support in classrooms and for field trips
 - b. Upper (Sean) Also thanking parents. His class did a walking field trip and the volunteers walked 3 miles. You are all greatly appreciated. The specialists have been joining the team meetings, and that has been going great. There will be reading assessments done in October. As per Sean, "We're using the Literably reading assessment (throughout the school district). The children each read a passage, which is recorded, and it can be scored by the teacher or a Literably employee (across the internet). "
 - c. Middle (Erin) occupation will be launched on Friday. I would really love to add Erin's presentation of occupations because I could never do it justice. And a special thanks to GU philosophy students.
4. Communication and Volunteer Reports
 - a. Communications Committee
 - I. (Omar) There is a priority to be more responsible for getting info out in a timely manner. If you need something posted to the website, email Omar and he will get it out to the proper channels to get it where it needs to be. Please if possible, 2 weeks notice for getting that info up.
He would love some volunteers with the newsletter, to add content and what they feel parents want to see.
 - II. (Victoria) has had lots of volunteer requests. She has been making/sending graphics and info to the office so they can get them out via peach jar. If you can make your own graphics, it would be greatly appreciated.
 - b. Community and Hospitality Reports
 - I. (Julie)The Popsicles on the Playground event was very well received. Maybe next year we do it right after school and not lump it in with a CoMP meeting, but give out CoMP info flyers for upcoming meetings and events. Just something to think about.
 - II. **Garden Closing Party** is on October 20 and 3:15pm. We will be composting and woodchipping.

Fall Fest is Friday Nov4. The gym is reserved from 4 to 8pm. Festival will run from 5-7pm.

Inside the gym will be dancing and games/activities.

This may be a great opportunity for the middle schoolers to maybe do a fundraiser, for things like face painting or popcorn/coffee sales.

Volunteers would be greatly appreciated for helping set up and such. Victoria is making a sign up on Sign Up Genius to post on the website and to send out via peach jar.

Dinner options were discussed for the festival. As we would need to get nutrition involved and all the specific things for having food via the district, picnic style, where we bring our own food would be easiest. Food outside, dancing inside. Flush this out.

The Entrepreneurial Fair is going to be on Dec 3rd.

Michelle is wanting to organize/plan this event. Last year it was run by an afterschool student club.

Updates:

Victoria said as of Nov 1. The district will no longer require volunteers to show proof of vaccination. This should open up the list of current volunteers.

Board members need to update their clearance. She will contact you if you are needing to. The district reruns clearances every 2 years. If you filled one out years ago, you do not need to renew it. No news is good news.

Victoria will be having a volunteer training event on Nov 15. She also wants to do one in the spring in maybe april and maybe one via zoom soon.

Shoot her an email with your volunteer hours and anyone you would like to nominate for Outstanding Volunteers so she can send it on to the district.

- c. Garden Committee Report (Jen)
 - I. Closing party will be the last garden event/meeting until Jan.
At the party, we will be woodchipping and composting the garden. The woodchips are free. Sharon has ordered the compost. It will be delivered in time for the party. The price of compost has gone up a bit. After ordering the compost, we have \$250 in the expendable budget for the year.
 - II. Sean has been working on the greenhouse so hopefully we will be able to get the garden working sooner in the spring.
 - III. Bulbs have been ordered to plant in the fall. Sharon and Anne will help the kids to get these going. We are also in search of parent volunteers who would like to help with the garden in the spring.
 - IV. Sprinkler system is in and needs to be blown out for the winter.

- V. Storm garden was weeded and tended by the middle schoolers with the help of Sharon, Anne and Paula. We'll see what grows back in the spring. A group of students also helped Sharon and Anne clean out the raised beds in the garden. Any remaining produce was sent out with the kids. We wish there would have been a bit more produce.

d. Fundraising and Finance Committee

Dawn Wolski and Natalie Grosser are our new chairs for the Fundraising and Finance Committee! Welcome!

- I. We will be having 2 sales for Spirit Wear this year. The fall sale will include the current design, which was made for us by a parent. The spring sale could include a new design created by students, and possibly voted on by students. The middle school has their own designs specific to their group, such as the onesies in the past. We are also looking into maybe seeing if we have parents out there with a printing business to maybe do our spirit wear printing. Jeff Valley has done this in the past.
- II. We are going to continue our Flower Fundraisers. The Poinsettias in the winter and the Spring baskets around Mother's Day are successful fundraisers and will continue.
- III. Books and Brews was briefly touched on with the dates of Nov16-17 being offered at Wishing Tree Books in Perry District. They are offering 15% of the sales to the school. Perry Street Brewing may also get in on the fundraising offering a percentage for the school as well. More will be discussed at the next fundraising meeting TBA.

There were comments about not wanting to put too many fundraisers around the same time as to not exhaust parents who want to help or give cash. The committee is open to suggestions and when and what kind of fundraisers the community wants to see/have. Please feel free to email them with suggestions.

- IV. Scrip Raiseright will be present at the Fallfest.

e. Steering and Advocacy Committee had nothing to add as the last meeting was canceled and rescheduled.

5. Principal's report.

As of the end of the week, all classrooms will have been on at least 1 field trip. This is awesome! Relate getting out of the class to montessori learning and its importance.

Cross country is going great so thank you to our parent volunteers for that.

Basketball will be starting soon. This is a new offering.

PSAT's for the 8th graders are done. After winter break they will be applying to highschools.

The late start Mondays and last Friday off for teacher learning/collabs have been going really well.

New social media outreach will be starting soon.

New upper el teachers have been paired off with our retired teachers as mentors to help guide them in the montessori methods. We love our retired teachers.

Meeting adjourned 8:14.

Next meeting will be held on November 15th at 3:15pm.