

CoMP General Meeting Minutes

Nov 15, 2022

Via Zoom

1. Welcome and call to order at 4:02 pm.

Attendance:

Makaya Judge, Erin Lafferty, Andrea Wendt, Erin Schmidt, Lisa Mattson, Omar Al Sabouni , Jennifer Harrison. Jillian Labelle, Julie Adams, Karen Petruska, Thomas Speight, Natalie Grosser, Shannon Lawson, Victoria Carter-Imsland and Sean Benson

We have enough voting members to have a quorum.

2. Officers Report

The minutes from the previous meetings, August 10th orientation and 16th finance meeting, September 20th general meeting and October 18th general meeting, were needed to be voted on for approval.

Erin Lafferty motioned to approve the minutes.

Victoria Carter-Imsland seconds the motion.

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the August, September and October meetings.

We also went over the new list of Officer Job Descriptions and Responsibilities. The sheet lists a brief description of what each position is responsible for. This is to streamline our roles and help our board run more efficiently and make transitions easier in the future. Everyone seemed okay with it as it was written out and changes can be made if need be.

3. Teachers Reports

a. Lower Elementary

Andrea spoke on going through teacher and principal evaluations. The lower elementary classes are all working on various service projects. For example, Gayle Waner's class is making blankets for The Ronald McDonald House.

Tomorrow is a family enrichment night where parents of the lower elementary students can learn activities to bring Montessori enrichment into their homes.

b. Upper Elementary

Sean spoke about how the upper elementary is finishing up reading assessments and interventions and how they are incorporating that into their lessons going forward.

Campout preparations are being discussed with the kids and plans are being made for the spring.

And a quick shout out of gratitude to all the parents volunteers that made the 5th grade field trips successful.

c. Middle School

Erin provided us with some beautiful links to what her classes have been up to that I would like to include here.

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The middle school kids made masks two weeks ago and they are finished and on display in the school. They are also working on some Odes in their poetry unit.

Cullen is spearheading popcorn sales on the playground after school on Fridays. The kids will be asking the upper and lower classes if they are interested in buying popcorn so they know how much to pop during their meetings on Friday before the sales afterschool.

Victoria has offered her assistance with getting parent volunteers to help with the money taking for the popcorn sales. Cullen will be meeting with the finance committee to find out more information on how to manage the money they bring in. No start date has been confirmed for the Friday Popcorn Sales.

A question was raised about child care at the meetings going forward, as it has been difficult setting this up. Maybe former students or grandparents could be utilized. But they will need clearance from the district. Erin Schmidt said that the middle schoolers could volunteer, but they will need adult supervision. If we let her know a week in advance, she can ask families for help during her weekly meetings for middle school involvement.

4. Committee and Volunteer Reports

a. Communications

Omar spoke on the newsletter. It should be up and running really soon. He wanted to thank Shad and Ariel for all their hard work getting all of this together. If we would like to share anything or comment on anything, feel free to reach out to him.

b. Finance

Jillain had no new updates at this time.

c. Fundraising

Natalie Grosser needed to be added as a board member and to be added to the bank and square accounts.

Victoria motioned to add her to the board of directors.

Thomas seconded the motion.

The board voted unanimously to add Natalie to the board.

Victoria motioned to add Natalie to the bank account.

Thomas seconded the motion.

The board voted unanimously to add Natalie to the bank account.

Makaya will go to STCU to have her added to the bank and Square accounts.

There is a MailChimp account attached to the fundraising committee and Scrip/RaiseRight accounts. No one knows if they are separate accounts or separate users, but we are not paying for the account. Shad has suggested that we consolidate them. We can reach out to Natalie if we are interested in accessing the MailChimp account. Parents/board members can look at their emails and let Makaya know what accounts they are using for CoMP emails to login.

Brews and Books is happening Nov 16th and 17th at Wishing Tree Books. South Perry Pizza has donated a keg for the brews at their establishment. 20% of the book revenue (in house and online) and 100% of the beer sales from the keg will be donated to CoMP.

Spirit wear is waiting on pricing from Jeff. We may need to raise our prices accordingly.

d. Community and Hospitality

Julie spoke about Fallfest. It was a big success. It was very well received and attended. We sold \$119 in past Spirit wear. And our profits from popcorn and coffee sales and face painting was \$757 after expenses. All of these proceeds are going towards the transportation costs for the middle school campout. Talk has begun in the very basic sense of planning for next year's Fallfest.

If you have ideas, feel free to reach out to Julie.

Karen mentioned how many new families came to Fallfest. She is reaching out to all the new families and wants to pair them with mentor families. We are in need of families to mentor the new families to get them more involved in our community. If you are interested, please reach out to her.

The Entrepreneurs Fair will take place Dec. 2nd from 6-8pm in the west gym. Registration forms are due next Tuesday, Nov 22. It is open to any student who has home made products to sell, such as art or jewelry. There is no fee to have a booth, but 15% of the sales will go back to CoMP to help with campout scholarships. If anyone has questions, reach out to Julie, who will pass it along to Michelle who is the point person for this event.

Victoria held a volunteer training today, Nov 15th at 2pm in the cafeteria. It was well attended with about 10 to 12 people. Another training will be held in February in the evening. She is also wanting to organize something via Zoom for anyone who couldn't make it.

Also, if you want to volunteer, get your clearance with the district done sooner than later. It is good for 2 years, and then the district just reruns your clearance for you. You need one to help out in classes or to go on field trips or be a cabin parent for campout.

e. Garden

Jen spoke about the last event, the Garden Closing Party. It was a successful event and she wanted to thank everyone who helped or attended. The leftover squash was donated to a community organization.

The next meeting will be in January.

f. Steering and Advocacy

Makaya said there is nothing new to talk about until we receive an update from the focus group taking place on Thursday, Nov 17th.

5. Principals Report

Enrollment is at 373 students.

The children enjoyed Veteran's Day activities and lessons. Thank you to guest speakers. The teachers had a Professional Development Day focused around anxiety. They learned how to recognize it in the students and themselves and learned ways to cope and ease anxiety in the learning environment. This was also posted on the Facebook page.

This is the last week for the Fall Lost and Found. Anything left there after Friday will be donated.

A big thank you goes out to Erin Schmidt and everyone who helped make Fallfest the successful event it was.

Planning is underway for our campouts at the end of the year.

The specialists are creating a newsletter to show what each class has been up to. That should be going out soon.

We are also ordering and replenishing Montessori materials.

Makaya asked if there was a clearance form for parents who do not want their children's pictures on social media. There is and they have a list of children who won't appear on the facebook page or anywhere else.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:43pm