

CoMP General Meeting Minutes

Mar 21, 2023

SPM Library

3:15pm

1. Welcome and call to order @3:19pm.

Attendance: Makaya Judge, Coreanna Riddell, Erin Lafferty, Thomas Speight, Christina Admire, Sean Benson, Andrea Wendt, Karen Petruska, Victoria Carter-Im Island, Erin Schmidt, Sarah Stuurman, Shannon Lawson, Omar Al Sabouni

We have quorum

2. Officer Reports

February minutes have been posted. No one has any objections or corrections.

Victoria moves to approve the minutes.

Thomas seconds to approve.

The board votes unanimously to approve the February minutes

3. Teacher Report

a. Andrea said that walking field trips have started up again for the spring. The kids are getting ready for campout and doing lessons from their albums. Everyone is just enjoying the sunshine and warm weather.

b. Sean added that the upper elementary is enjoying extra recess to get out some excess energy. Human growth and development will be next week taking up 4 days. The kids are planning for the Art Party, as well as camp out. Letters to pen pals are going out as well.

c. Erin reports the middle school has made a pop up gallery in the portables, of their art featuring their Competing Views US History Project. There is also a PSA project that is a video presentation. They will be working on their Story to Screen English projects. The Pop Shop is doing great! And they have received a grant to help with campout transportation expenses. Great Job!

4. Committee and Volunteer Reports

a. Communications

Omar says Shad and Ariel are doing a great job. The newsletter is coming along. Any new submissions should be passed along to Omar. The next meeting will be March 27th.

b. Finance and Fundraising

Sarah says we have RaiseRight net sales of \$15,000 with a rebate of \$6,200.

The complete summary will be going out to parents soon. It is important **not to pay for campout** until you have your rebate summary. It makes the bookkeeping process so much easier, to not have to refund the rebates afterwards.

March 31st is the cut off date for RaiseRight rebates.

Sarah will also be at Skate Night on April 12th and at the Talent Show on April 21st with RaiseRight to sell.

Natalie could not make the meeting but has sent along the following via email:

“My meeting schedule changed and I can’t be at the CoMP meeting today:/ Fundraising updates are appeal letter is almost ready for review, we just need to decide about printing and sending it to people we have addresses for and the campout deadline is March 31. Maybe include a reminder that it’s best of people wait to pay their campout fees until their refund is applied”

c. Communication and Hospitality

Melissa could not make today’s meeting. The Talent Show information is out.

Victoria wanted to know if there is a need for parent volunteers to act as stage wranglers behind the scenes, and if so, how many.

Also, There will be one more volunteer training via Zoom. It will be some time after Spring Break, but before Campout. She is shooting for 30 minutes. Victoria will be getting in touch with Jillian to get the logins for our Zoom account.

Victoria will be out of the country for Spring Break. If anyone has any need for a Signup Genius, Coreanna can help with that.

Gear Swap donation was a great success! Turnout for the event was not as great.

There is a ton of good stuff left for anyone who is in need of supplies for campout.

Teachers are encouraged to grab things for students who need things. Anything that is still left will be put out for the Talent Show and Springfest to be picked through. After that, whatever items are left will be donated.

d. Nomination Committee

Coreanna says we need 2 more non-board members to join the committee. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions about who those people could be, please pass that information along to her.

e. Karen reported that emails have been sent out to teachers for the Scholarship for Alumni students. The scholarship is \$250. The students are required to write an essay about their Montessori experiences. The deadline is April 15th. The hope is that a few of these essays could be published in the newsletter or something in the future. So far there are 2 students on board and a few more interested.

f. Garden Committee

Jennifer could not be in attendance. She has passed her report on via email:

“The garden needs volunteers! Friday mornings for an hour. Volunteers will support children in the garden with Anne, Sharon and Paula Gibson-Smith as they work to plant seeds, tend seedlings and begin to construct a labyrinth! Sign-up link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0945A5A92EA1F58-garden2>

We still need volunteers!

Thank you Victoria for putting this sign-up Genius together.

We are able to use the greenhouse this spring, thanks to Sean, with some additional insulation to protect from cold and maintain heat; and we have

classrooms involved in starting seeds with Sharon. The middle school is working to improve/revive the storm garden.

Thank You!"

5. Principal's Report

Everyone is getting ready for Campout.

March Gladness is in full swing. There are googly eyes on everything!

The Cereal Bar last week was great fun.

Rainbow Week started. There is a new color everyday that the kids will be wearing to celebrate!

The open enrollment for grades 1-8 has ended.

Kindergarten open enrollment will end March 31st.

The new platform is working out great.

The Middle School got a \$2,500 grant for Campout! Great Job!

The State testing window is coming up soon.

Strings was invited back to Whitworth this year, on March 29th.

The TP drive will be announced next week. The donations will be received by Family Promise.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:02pm

Next meeting will be held on Apr 18, 2023 via Zoom.