



PTO meeting, Art room 7:30 am, Thursday, March 8th, 2018

In attendance: Lisa Goetz, Vanessa Berman, Katlyn Morris, Tammy Charbonneau, Kerrie Mathes, Erica Houskeeper, Dave Barron, Rebecca Grannis, Angela Duquette, Heather Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Zipern, Heather Chernyshov, Kayla Gokey

Parking lot safety- There have been almost daily near-misses; Dr. D is asking parents- please no driving into the parking lot. Erica will draft a letter to the district that we need help with this problem. Signs need to be updated to be accurate; currently the signs are not consistent with what the expectation is for safe parking lot use (area for teacher parking only?). Tammy would be willing to participate in a several days friendly reminder, what other options for enforcement?

School safety /walkout discussion-

Concerns- a walkout will most likely not come from the teachers. Tammy will bring the conversation to the staff to see what ideas they come up with, so people can participate in a way that is safe, appropriate, and allows the opportunity for those who want to participate in some way. Walkout dates 3/14 at 10am and 3/21 or 22?

Parents are also having the discussion about encouraging participation in March for Our Lives in Montpelier.

Other safety issues-

Dismissal- at end of day, kids are streaming out of every door without the parent necessarily being there. This is a concern for a number of parents, especially for younger grades. What is the expectation of how dismissal is supposed to be, and how we ensure that young kids are not going out without making contact with an adult.

Dr. D- please remind teachers what the policy is, including to substitutes, so we are sure kids are making the connection with their adult at the end of day.

Playground safety- parents have continued to see the teachers clustered together by the doors while no adults are anywhere else on the playground and kids are out of sight and earshot. Teacher training is needed again so teachers, including substitutes, use the zone system, which was developed and is not being followed.

Kerrie, Elizabeth and Katlyn will connect with Dr. D about this.

Lunchroom- It is not clear that the situation has improved. Need an update from Dr. D. In addition to volunteers, the school community could benefit from more parents and grandparents visiting kids during lunch. Feedback from parents that they had no idea this was an option and would love to do it. Dr. D- please note in the Blue Note that parents can drop in and come have lunch with their kids anytime.

Upcoming School events:

March 23- early release day. Open house 12:30-3:15

School play and bake sale, Friday March 16th

- Bake sale volunteer, <https://mealtrain.com/ylze7y>
- Need someone to sell t-shirts; idea to do a t-shirt raffle
- Angela will inventory the t-shirts in the closet.

Community Dinner: April 12th

Champlain Talent Show- Wednesday, April 18, 2018

- Additions will be on Thursday, March 22nd
- Rehearsals will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 3-4.
- Ms Goetz is looking for an addition parent to help out, please contact: lgoetz@bsdvt.org

Mini Milers and Fun Run discussion:

- Mini Milers, April 4-May 30th or June 6th, depending on weather, 1:50-3:pm
- \$35/participant (scholarships available)
- Currently have 6-7 leaders. Would love to have 2 more.
- The program will be firmly capped at 50 participants

Champlain Elementary School Fun Run

- Sunday, June 3, 8:30am at the Lower Pavilion at Oakledge
- Last year we raised \$1700 for the PTO. Hoping to raise more this year.
- Cost: Has been \$5 per runner every year. Could raise the price to raise more \$ but the low fee makes it accessible for more families.
- Fundraising: Raffle — need help soliciting raffle prizes; T-shirt sponsors — need help soliciting t-shirt sponsors (have charged \$100 to have logo on shirt.)
- Need to put together a committee. Need someone to take the reigns of when Elzy leaves.

District events:

Black History Month; Beyond Black, Friday, March 9th 6-9pm

Join students and staff for an evening of conversation, education and reflection.

Exhibitions and presentations from students from around the district reflecting on Black History Month and what they learned in school.

Music from a Sustainability Academy, CP Smith, and Integrated Arts Academy combined choir, a conversation led by the Social Justice Union, an interactive circle discussion on racial issues in our school, and the dance team at BHS, and information tables from a variety of our community partners." <https://www.facebook.com/events/1613472888740722/>

Fundraisers:

- Yearbook- about \$2200 secured from sponsors at this point.
- Lake Monsters 2018 School Fundraiser- Vanessa working on this
- Trivia night- Kerrie still nailing down date and location
- Green Up Day
- Spare Time- Katlyn, Heather, Deanna will meet and work on selling tickets.

LUNCHROOM HELP NEEDED!

There is a great need for lunch room volunteers to help support students in the school cafeteria. All volunteers must meet with Dr. Dorfman before volunteering.

Please contact ceslunch@gmail.com to learn more.

Lunchtime volunteers are eligible for City Market discounts.

Contact champlainvolunteers@gmail.com for details.