

CHAMPLAIN PTO

PTO Meeting Minutes Dec. 13, 2018

Attendees: Kerrie Mathes, Katlyn Morris, Betsy Patrick, Tammy Charbonneau, Rebecca Grannis, Vanessa Berman, Kathleen Laramee, Erica Houskeeper, Dorinne Dorfman, Heather Chernyshov, Jeff Wick, Megan Warda, Sarah Heath, Sarah Guth, Amanda Maley, Rosemarie Garritano

Champlain Grants

Teacher grants totaling about \$10,000 were awarded. Vanessa Berman pointed out that Champlain community members can also apply for grants. The PTO will work on putting information together and communicating a call for grants on Facebook, the Blue Note and PTO newsletter.

Cochran's After School Program

Parent Heather Chernyshov announced that Cochran's after school skiing and riding program will be offered on Wednesdays for 8 weeks. The cost is \$50 per child for the season. So far, 14 kids are signed up, and 6 adults will help chaperone in the lodge and/or on the mountain. Transportation is not provided. Time of program is from 2:45-5:30.

Parent Classroom Liaison

The parent-classroom liaison initiative has been set up, and most Champlain classrooms have a parent assigned to them.

Champlain Yearbook Looking for Photos

Anyone looking to submit photos to the 2018-19 yearbook can email them to champyearbook@gmail.com.

Teacher Holiday Gift Card Initiative

The PTO is showing their appreciation for Champlain teachers by giving teachers \$10 gift cards to places like City Market, Great Northern, Great Harvest, and Speeder and Earls. A drawing is held every morning during the weeks of Dec. 10 and 17, and teachers are notified during morning announcements.

BSD Update

School board member Jeff Wick gave an update on the FY20 budget timeline for BSD. The budget to go before voters in March will be finalized in mid-January. The BSD school board

will have a budget work session on Dec. 18. A slide show from a November 27, 2018 special school board meeting budget presentation [can be found here](#).

4H

Rosemarie Garritano, 4-H Educator for Chittenden County spoke about benefits and options of forming a 4H club or short-term, special interest, after school program. Kerrie Mathes will talk to the Champlain Outdoor Committee to move the conversation along.

Other Business

- Discussions underway about creating a bulletin board in the school lobby that reflects Champlain pride.
- The school community will be collecting holiday gifts and gift cards for some Champlain families.