

# PPO General Meeting

Location: Zoom (virtual mtg)  
Date: September 1, 2021 @ 8:30am

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**Welcome** Christine Bury, PPO President

## **Introduction of Executive Board**

- Christine Bury, Cherise Shively, Christina Tortomasi, Carrie McCray

## **What is PPO - Christine Bury**

- All CRA parents are considered PPO (Parent Participation Organization)
- Run by parents of CRA students
- Different than a PTA, we do not have our own bank account and do not collect fees/dues from members
- Volunteer trainings on pause until maybe parents are allowed on campus

## **Room Parent and Portfolio Parents - Cherise Shively**

- Room Parents will Zoom with Cherise to hear more information when the time comes
- Room parents are the liaison between PPO and the parents in your class as well as the liaison between the teacher and the parents in your class
- In charge of things like celebrating teachers birthdays
- Example of a role of a room parents regarding events like the Pumpkin Patch...Send out an email to the class parents so it doesn't get mixed in with the regular emails from the school or teacher
- Room parents will coordinate parents who can help out (if we're on campus)
- Portfolio Parents will Zoom with Lara Hayden for more information when the time comes
- Portfolios are bound at the bindery at the end of the year. They will include your child's special schoolwork from the year, collected by the teacher but typically need quite a bit of work from the portfolio parents
- Portfolios from K - 5th

## **What to expect from PPO this year - Christina Tortomasi**

- Bi-monthly newsletter with lots of helpful dates and links
- Quarterly Zoom PPO meetings

### **Book Fair - Christine Bury**

- The week of September 20th
- This year it will be staff lead, not volunteer led
- Details will go out this Friday or Monday (in the newsletter)
- Family Fun Night: As of right now it's on Thurs, Sept 23rd. FFN is PPO run, after school hours, games, pizza, Book Fair is open

### **PPO Fundraisers - Christine Bury**

- Family Fun Night
- Pumpkin Patch
- Movie night
- Huge chunk of our PPO budget goes towards Staff Appreciation Week (which we go all out for)

### **Fundraising Liaisons - Christine Bury**

- Nikki Prinz and Leah Latini
- CRA 10 year anniversary celebration / Fundraiser on Oct 2nd will be held outside. Email already went out for parents to purchase their tickets.

### **Chat Questions**

- Nicolle Kasch - How do we sign up to be room parents? Teachers should be sending an email out soon
- Jennifer Barb - What does a room parent do? Teacher has them send out emails/sign up geniuses, etc when needed. They will gather a "Teacher Likes" list and send it out to parents as well.
- Tiffany - How many portfolio parents does one class have? 2 Portfolio parents
- Anon - Where will the Pumpkin Patch be? Laguna Hills
- Anon - Is there a PPO FB group? No but each grade has parent run groups plus there is a general Parent led FB group: Community Roots Academy Parents (NOT organized by PPO or the school)
- Anon - Details on Pumpkin Patch? Pumpkin Patch will be Oct 14th. Tickets \$20 for sale at Family Fun Night and car line. Cash only.
- Anon - Run for the Arts? Possibly in the Spring. Don't know if it's a run or a jump. We are taking things moment by moment.

### **Open Discussion**

- Crystal Schantzen - Can people volunteer who aren't on the board or a room parent, etc? Yes If we can do events we will send out sign up geniuses' for parent volunteers. Other opportunities like donating to stock the lounge.

- Crystal Schantzen - Has anyone made a list of all the families at CRA who own businesses so we can support them? On the 1st of the month parents can post their business on the FB groups. A list cannot be made by PPO or the school but a parent can make one if they so choose.

**Misc - Christine Bury**

- Next PPO newsletter comes out Sept 7th
- Next PPO meeting Nov 3rd

**Adjournment** - Mabel Sansevero motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kerry Quinnin seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Questions or Comments? Please email us at: [PPO@communityrootsacademy.org](mailto:PPO@communityrootsacademy.org)

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**Attendees:**

(31 people) Carrie McCray, Christine Bury, Crystal Schantzen, Molly Lee, Cherise Shively, MW Martin, Kerry Quinnin, Megan Condon, Elizabeth, Mabel Sansevero, Kelleen Stainer, Annika Helmuth, Jenny Anaya, Jennifer Holstein, Jennifer Barb, Kanchan Flaska, Laura Buchanan, Marielle Cravens, Tiffany, Changwei Dean, Nicolle Kasch, Evelynn Flowers, Maria, Christina Tortomasi, Paige Natori, Morgan, Julie Tao, Becca Grossbard, Jenny Woodward, Casey Caskey