

Villa Park Elementary School Home & School League General Meeting

November 14, 2023

Villa Park Elementary MPR

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Wendy Zuazo, Jolin Lang, Julie Bermudez, Lacy Cahill, Dan Bui, Mandy Lentini, Erin Govaars, Noriel Zuazo, Kathleen Lim Valle, Darren Tolliver, Stefani McMillen, Erin Flynn, Courtney Short, Jose Manuel Cisneros, Liam Stevens, Jenn Reyes, Danielle Ploessel, Eva Ahmed, Wendy Wolf, Merrill Norrdin

Call to Order: Wendy Zuazo, President of HSL, called the meeting to order at 8:17 A.M.

4th Grade Presentation:

In Science, the students are learning about the effects of light on prey. In Social Studies, they are learning about explorers and are discussing Columbus, Priests, and Indians. In Math, they are learning about multiplication and division. Students shared a board game they made that uses Math skills to play. In English and Writing, students shared that they are writing a Fairy Tale Story.

Principals Report- Mrs. Arceo

Villa Park Elementary won the trophy again for top attendance for October from OUSD. The school now has a 96%-97% attendance rate. The District will be hosting a pizza party for the students to celebrate this accomplishment. City Days for grades 4-6 are this week. Fifth Grade went on a field trip to the Field of Valor. All the teachers at VPE will be GATE trained and knowledgeable on GATE

teaching strategies. Friday is the Fun Run and staff and students are excited for it.

Executive Board Updates:

President: Wendy Zuazo

October Minutes discussed. Motion made by Lacy Cahill with a second by Erin Flynn. Also discussed the need to increase HSL dues to \$25. Motion made by Jolin Lang and seconded by Erin Flynn. Motion passed. New dues will start in the 2024-2025 school year. Agenda included a list of upcoming school and fundraising activities for VPE through the end of January 2024. It was discussed to look online, make sure parents are on classroom Remind, read emails from Room Parents, and look in students Friday Folders for event flier notifications.

Treasurer: Stephani McMillen

Budget was discussed and copies were made available to all. HSL received an additional Corporate Sponsorship which helps the school expenses. Book fair made approximately \$3000. School makes 25% cash and 50% in scholastic points for book purchase for the following year. Dad's Club had a work day so expenses will be distributed upon disbursement request. Actual income for HSL as of October 25, 2023 is \$33,394.95 and at that point is 20% of the planned income budget. Hoping to meet the Fun Run goal of \$55,000.

Ways and Means: Merrill Norrdin

Fun Run is on November 17th and as of November 14th, VPE has made \$24,000. 59% of students were registered on Booster.com and

41% of students had pledged money. Profit made from the Fun Run covers school expenses not covered by the district such as sunshades, carpet in the MPR, school Marquee, teacher requests, carnival, student programs, and much more.

General Board Comments:

Questions about the track were presented. The history of the track was discussed dating back to 2021. VPE parents received a google voting link requesting input on school improvement and putting a track at VPE won. This was presented to the school again and it was voted on in 2021 at a HSL meeting. The District has been involved and has approved the contractor, bid and has received payment. As the expense was approved and funds have been disbursed, the district will now manage the installation of the track. Parents expressed they would like to use HSL income to hire teachers, address curriculum, or build a science lab. It was explained that the HSL can not do that and that the district finalizes curriculum, staff hiring, and facilities. It was suggested that parents should reach out to School Board Trustees and Administration at the district to advocate for the school and their students.

Meeting was adjourned by Wendy Zuazo at 9:25am.

Next HSL Meeting will be on January 26, 2024 at 8:15 in the MPR.

All information about the HSL can be found at the school website.

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