

# **Villa Park Elementary School Home & School League**

## **General Meeting**

### **November 15, 2022**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Location: VPE MPR**

**Members Present:** Kari Christe, Stefani McMillen, Kristina Evans, Lacey Cahill, Wendy Zuazo, Julie Levy, Audrey Murray, Erin Flynn, Jolin Lang, Heather Cassara, Liam Stevens, Eva Ahmed

### **Member Meeting began at 8:15 am**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation:**

Granger: They are currently leaning about waves and how it relates to dolphin communication. They went on a field trip to San Juan Capistrano. They learned about the European expedition and learned about the missions. They also went to San Juan Capistrano on a field trip.

They also had their General Store Day last week. Got to spend their minor money. It teaches them about spending and budgeting. They earn the minor money for being good students, finishing and turning in all homework, when they good citizens and they also have to have all of their reading counts points in order to participate in City Day.

They have learned about 1 Pages. It allows them to write all the information relevant to the topic along with adding art, and any type of writing that will allow them to remember about the topic. The requirements for 1 Pagers are:

- 1) 3 questions
- 2) A Visual
- 3) A poem
- 4) Students name

Mrs. Arceo: 1 Pages are an AVID Strategy. Currently AVID is being implemented highly into 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachings.

Mondays is VPE AVID Mondays, so the students can wear their college gear to represent the college of their choice and it teaches students that college is important.

### **Healthy minds, Healthy Students by Miss Coria**

Highlight: Counseling program. We will be receiving a full-time counselor. What services are available? Mrs. Al-Seilawi and Ms. Coria are the current counselors/psychologist for our school currently.

3 goals: Social Emotional, Academic, college and career

They have 3 tiers

Tier 1: All students have access to tier 1 services

- Check ins on the students' emotions.
- Monthly themes: Sept/Start w/Hello, Oct/ National Stop Bullying Day, Nov/Dec: Kindness and Gratitude.
- Elevo PE-Weekly Characteristics: Leadership, Energy, Integrity
- Classrooms Lesson: Zones/regulations, emotional intelligence, Class Needs
- Teacher Check ins
- Conflict Resolution
- Lunch Bunch: Social skills through games. Students can come to the MPR and eat lunch and discuss topics about how they can be better at solving problems on their own.

Tier 2: Is for students who might need a little more support. They can be having a small struggle so they would check in with this student more often. It is a set 5 sessions and would require parent approval.

Some students only

Parent permission needed

Check ins

Specialized groups

5-8 sessions minimum.

Tier 3:

Short term individual counseling session and referrals to outside counseling, behavior intervention, etc.

Few selected students

Parent permission

Will need a referral for session

Potential would need an IEP

5-8 one on one sessions.

Jan: will be National random act of kindness day

Study skills

Responsible decision making

College and career

Stress management

Power of healthy eating

There are resources for us as parents on how to address any issues that may arise with our students.

Will try breakout the computer lab and dismantle it so that they can possibly create 2-3 individual rooms so the full-time psychologist can have a dedicated office for them to access children, have meetings with parents, etc.

To attend a lunch bunch, the teacher will recommend them for the lunch bunch. It's an open-door policy so anyone can join

Motion to approve October meeting minutes: Kristina Evans, Heather Cassaras

Budget:

Still receiving some funds from corporate matches for fun run

Paying out for student programs

Paid out soccer goals \$7,000 but rotary club will reimburse us since it was a grant from them.

Heather Cassaras, Holiday Store:

Store will run from 12/5-12/9

Help is needed. You will need to be approved to be on campus.

Shopping will be during school hours again since that worked very well last year

Open during lunch

[heatherangel@msn.com](mailto:heatherangel@msn.com) to sign up to help in the store.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> holiday performance. 8:30 am each grade level will perform a couple of songs. No music teacher this year so the teachers are teaching the students. Only TK-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Recorders program, will district bring that back? Currently we don't have it at the school but working on getting it back.

School assemblies are coming back! First one will be this Friday, 11/18

Can we bring back trimester award? Mrs. Arceo, currently looking into it and working on bringing them back.

Next H&SL Meeting will be on January 26, 2023

Add a link to home and school league page for girl scouts since groups are forming at the school. They are trying to see if they can meet on campus. Grade kinder/first, second grade, fifth grade. Possibly can combine third grade and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 am