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General Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:19 a.m. by Julie Krodel.

Welcome everyone! October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. Here's a thought to start the day:

Strong people stand up for themselves.

The strongest people stand up for others.

Grade Level Report – 5th Grade Happenings. 5th grade students have been enjoying the OUSD-funded Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program on Mondays and Wednesdays. 5th grade representatives from VAPA choir, band, orchestra, and theater classes sang, played instruments, and demonstrated how practicing tongue twisters helps them become better performers.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Little. VAPA has been a great addition to our curriculum! They make amazing progress; they'll be sounding like a band by the end of the year.

We are introducing a monthly STEM challenge series. First will be the House of Cards. We have some money from the Villa Park Women's League, but we need donations! Take a look at this worksheet that creates a math challenge using a real-life problem, just like on the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium): if we have 620 students and we need one deck for every four students, how many decks do we need in all? Which purchase option offers the best value? Next time, we will be creating musical instruments.

October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. We are focusing on educating our students on what bullying is, what bullying is not, and what to do in a bullying situation. Bullying is intentional, targeted, repeated, and often involves an imbalance of power. There are four types of bullying:

- Physical – roughness, moving another person's belongings, repeatedly "messaging" with someone
- Social – intentional exclusion, controlling play
- Verbal – saying "just kidding" doesn't make it OK
- Cyber – texting (sometimes using apps); mainly a middle and high school issue, but it's important to educate now

Bullying is NOT occasional bossiness, normal conflicts between peers, one-time incidents, or rudeness that stops when addressed. If faced with a bully, we instruct students to 1. Tell them to stop, 2. Leave the situation, and 3. Get help from a trusted adult. Every child should feel safe, respected, and comfortable asking for help.

Approve Minutes from September Meeting. Please review the minutes from our last meeting.

Motion made to approve September's minutes by Julie Krodel, seconded by Hannelore Flores, all in favor.

Measure S Update – Mark Kuli. I try to live a life without regrets, but I regret not getting Measure K passed—I could have done more. I can't let it happen again. We need to go out and precinct walk. Go out and vote! Promote voting to your friends and family. We were within 200 votes last time. Encourage people to crunch the numbers—it's not that expensive! Julie Krodel

announces that Sarah Jarrell is at Villa Park High School every Saturday morning from 9-10:00 handing out packets that make precinct walking easy!

Treasurer's Report – Francine Sawyer. We are bringing in money from Jog-A-Thon, and we are working on donations and memberships. Please let me know if you have any questions about the budget report I have provided!

Mrs. Little has to leave—the Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill is today! Ask your kids about it!

Dads' Club – Mark Kuli. We had a productive work day on September 25! We addressed the mud near the MPR gate, the parking stop, new bench, and some painting. We've had good turnouts at Dads' Club meetings and events so far! Please let me know if you have any projects you'd like to add to our list. We are welcoming new future Bobcats—a baby was born last Friday, and there are a couple more on the way. Our next meeting will be on November 15 at the Elks Lodge in Orange.

Monster Dash Update – Julie Stoico. The jog-a-thon is coming up on October 31! We are currently at \$37,000. We are beating last year's numbers, partly thanks to an increase in sponsorships. We need to keep promoting if we want to reach our goal of \$60,000! Room moms, send those emails! Packets and shirts will be ready next week. One challenge that we'll have to consider next year: Cerro Villa's STEP IT UP! fitness fundraiser started a week before ours.

5th Grade Fundraising – Stacie Curtis. We are off to a great start raising money for next year's 6th grade activities! Mixed Bags will be coming in soon. Wahoo's required a paper flyer at our restaurant night there. Our next restaurant night is at Islands on November 15. Remember to check out the ShopWithScrip program! Boo-Grams are coming soon! Orders are due on the 28th, and Boo-Grams will be distributed on October 31.

Thank you!

- Book Fair – thank you Mickey McGuire!
- Fall Fiesta – thank you Erin Flynn!
- Bike Rodeo – thank you Alissa Cartwright!
- Hospitality – thank you Monique McArthur!
- Fall Family Night – thank you Donna Czekalski, Mark Kuli, and Dads' Club!

Announcements

- October 24: Picture Make-up Day
- October 24-28: Red Ribbon Week
- October 25: 5th Grade Mother-Daughter Tea
- October 31: Monster Dash Jog-A-Thon
- October 31: Fall class parties
- November 1: No school (staff development day)
- November 11: No school (Veterans Day)
- November 17: Next H&SL meeting

Thank you all for coming!

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.