

**Villa Park Elementary Home & School League
General Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Francine Sawyer, filling in for Julie Krodel.

Welcome everyone!

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

Motion made to approve October's minutes by Kathleen Enge, seconded by Julie Stoico, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Francine Sawyer. Budget printout provided for review—here are some income highlights:

- about \$3100 in revenue from Parent Mixer – thank you Erin Flynn!
- about \$3800 in cash and Scholastic credit from Book Fair – thank you Mickey McGuire!
- about \$2200 in revenue from Spirit Wear sales – thank you Mark Kuli!

As for expenses, teachers are working on spending their \$300 stipends. We have a new laminator coming in, and new blinds were installed in the MPR.

Question: What is Scholastic credit?

It is money that can be used to purchase books from Scholastic. We get higher dollar value by taking some book fair profits in the form of Scholastic credit rather than cash.

Dads Club – Mark Kuli. We are working on refurbishing the lunch carts. We are looking forward to another work day and poker tournament in the New Year! We held our last meeting at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday and had a good turnout. Now that Measure S has passed, Dads Club will shift its focus to getting rid of the old building.

Question: Is the old building a historic site?

That's unclear, but opposition to demolition has died down. We can't go the whole school year without doing something. Mrs. Little is working on district action. It would cost an estimated \$5 million to rehabilitate. It seems more practical to tear it down and save a portion of it, perhaps part of the bell tower. Mark Kuli is trying to get district money, now that high school spending will be handled by Measure S. There are a lot of opinions around this issue, but everyone seems to agree that we need to do something.

Grade Level Report – 4th Grade Happenings. A couple of Mrs. Glasky's 4th grade students are here to show us that with Genius Hour (free time to pursue their interests), they have grown and learned how to do something new! Brenden Morris delivered a presentation on how to make a YouTube channel, and Gavin Lauridsen delivered a presentation on how to make a LEGO stop-motion video.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Little. It's a new era! Given these opportunities, you never know what the students' career paths will be.

LCAP survey is the real deal. Results get shared all the way up to the state level. Please take the survey! In addition to taking the survey, let's discuss the following:

- Which programs are going well?
- What else would you like to see?

H&SL member feedback: integrated curriculum has broadened modalities of learning; happy about passing of Measure S, but ALL school facilities need attention; VAPA is fantastic; frustration with Common Core: math and advanced word problems lead to a breakdown in

students' lust for learning; are more special needs students being transitioned in? more discipline challenges this year—do we need more aides?; tutoring is going well; Art Masters is fantastic; glad that dads are being allowed to fix things rather than fight red tape; students love PE and music this year; frustration about having to remove plants based on unverified claims that they were poisonous; wonderful staff; grounds around 3rd grade building are horrible, carts topple over and it's dangerous; OUSD seems to be on campus a lot—thank you, Mrs. Little, for making it happen.

Mrs. Little's response: Staff development this year is largely focused on math. It seems that students who had Common Core from the beginning are grasping concepts in a new way. We are hoping to make tutoring more widespread as the budget allows. K-4 music program will take place on a Thursday morning in December; VAPA will perform in January. Thank you, Mrs. Flores, for planting the plants. Unfortunately we can't please everyone! We can submit work orders to the district if we have specific repair requests. We have to be diligent. Thank you for your feedback! Please go online and take the survey—it is one of the major ways OUSD decides how and where to spend money!

Ways & Means – Francine Sawyer for Sarah Jarrell. Holiday Store is coming up. Monday, December 5, will be a preview day. December 6-8 we will be open for sales during lunch and after school. Friday, December 9, will be lunch only.

Monster Dash – Julie Stoico. Checks have almost stopped coming in. Will have final reports when Julie Krodel gets back. We brought in just over \$57 thousand. Top performer announcements and incentives are coming soon! Thank you for your help and support!

Announcements

- November 18 – Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
- November 18 – minimum day/end of trimester
- November 21-25 – no school – Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 28-December 2 – 6th grade Outdoor Education
- December 2 – schoolwide STEM Challenge # 2
- December 6-9 – Holiday Store
- December 9 – Musical Theatre *Shrek* performance
- December 15, 8:15 a.m. – K-4 music program
- December 16 – first trimester awards
- December 16, 1:30 p.m. – winter class parties
- December 19-January 6 – no school – Happy Holidays!
- January 19 – next H&SL meeting

Thank you all for coming! Thank you, Monique McArthur, for providing refreshments!

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.