

Villa Park Elementary HSL Meeting

January 26, 2024, MPR

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Kathleen Valle, Sierra Vane, Michele Norman, Darren Tollver, Iliana Arias, JoAnna Morris, Noriel Zuazo, Julie Bermudez, Wendy Wolf, Merrill Norrdin, Heidi Estremera, Eva Ahmed, Jolin Lang, Marissa Corden, Erin Flynn, Stefani McMillen, Audrey Murray, Principal Arceo

Call to Order: Wendy Zuazo, President of HSL, called the meeting to order at 8:22 A.M.

3rd Grade Presentation:

The students are learning positive and healthy ways to reduce stress and anxiety during testing as they prepare for State testing. They are also working on how to write a solid summary and are learning how to use the text and illustrations to understand and comprehend what they are reading. Third graders are also learning cursive and have been practicing signing their names. Upon successful instruction the remainder of work will be done in cursive. In Math they are working on speed and accuracy with division, multiplications, and fractions. They just completed the bike rodeo and are excited to use safety skills they learned. Lastly, they are finishing up reading The World According to Humphrey and are enjoying his adventures.

Cerro Villa PFSO Parliamentarian: Michele Norman

CV is looking for active volunteers to fill their PFSO positions for the 2024-2025 school year. Many opportunities to assist the school.

Principals Report: Mrs. Arceo

Mrs. Arceo thanked the HSL for the support given to provide programs for the students at VPE. She shared, Mrs. Brown has been promoted to Canyon High School and that Mrs. Morales will be the new office manager at VPE. She has wonderful experience as she was with

Fletcher Elementary. VPE is also looking for noon duty supervisors and parents can apply through the district. VPE will begin GATE testing for all third graders January 29, 2024. There has been discussion of implementing a GATE cluster or a full class with the district to retain those who qualify for GATE. VPE met or exceeded state standards with the SBAC in Math (71%) and Language Arts (74%). Would like to earn the California Distinguished School Award but are failing requirements with attendance. Need to improve attendance to meet the standards to receive this award.

Executive Board Updates:

President: Wendy Zuazo

November Minutes discussed. Motion made by Merrill Norrdin with a second by Stefani McMillen. Motion passed to approve the November 2023 HSL General Meeting minutes. All minutes are posted on the HSL website as a draft pending approval for members to review.

Reported that Camp Bobcat will no longer be allowed to have a sleepover on campus and that the Dad's Club is working on creating a fun and active night of activities in lieu of new OUSD protocol.

Treasurer: Stephani McMillen

Budget was discussed and copies were made available. HSL has an income of approximately \$80,000.00 for the Fun Run. HSL also profited approximately \$8,400 from the Christmas Store and \$1,800 from T-Shirt Sales. All expenses are noted in the budget. Funds made are used to provide assistance to VPE such as programs, academic resources, and facility improvements not covered by OUSD.

Ways and Means: Merrill Norrdin

Fun Run made approximately \$80,000. Still have expenses to pay out for the event.

Programs: Erin Flynn and Kathleen Lim-Valle

January 17, 2024 was the Bike Rodeo for third graders and upper graders who had not participated before.

February 9, 2024 is the Family Sweetheart Dance from 6:00-8:00pm. Presale tickets will be sold beginning February 1 for \$10 per family. Also available at the door.

School Carnival will be held in the Spring

Please check the school calendar and messages from Principal Arceo for all updated events.

General Board Updates:

Auction Chair: Darrin Tulliver

A VPE letter with tax ID Number is available for parents to secure donations for VPE. He has been actively working on securing donations for the Carnival Auction. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

LegCo Representative: Wendy Wolf

US Representative **Correa** is working on the following:

HR 631- The Safe Schools Improvement Act- Would amend Elementary and Secondary Education Act to require districts that receive ESEA money to adopt codes of conduct of anti-bully and harassment based on race, color origin, sex, disability and religion and to report data to the Department of Education.

HR3713- Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2023. To revise and extend to children school based comprehensive mental health treatment (screen, services, outreach)

HR 4519- - IDEA Full Funding Act- Amend Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal Funding for Part B

US Representative **Kim** is working on the following:

HR 531- Educational Choice for Children Act. Parent choice that will provide charitable donation incentive/tax credit for private education.

Art Competition for High School Students on May 24

Senator **Min** is working on the following:

SB 907- Orange County Board of Education. Any change of membership must be on the ballot. Right now they have five members and would like to have seven. State deficit of \$68 Billion and concerns on education.

OUSD reported January 15-January 29, 2024 is Open Enrollment. They are working on tracking and retaining students. Each high school will have a showcase to draw in interest and enrollment. Last year 8000 people attended. Dr. Miller has been working hard on advertising for OUSD with numerous media sources and on the Angels BIG A. This year there are fewer students leaving and more transfers. District is aware of necessary Math concerns and is still working on improvements. The district Math Task Force met and discussed concerns and ways to improve. Attendance improved by 2% but not back to precovid which was 96%. Chronic Absenteeism is 18 absences or 10%. If sick/travel, request instruction. OUSD is working on a flier and link to showcase instructional pathways at each high school. Each community has different needs. (OHS- Farm/Construction, ROTC, ELMO-Culinary, Construction, VPHS- Business, Computers, Canyon HS- Aviation, Business).

OUSD Trustee John Ortega reported the district will be selecting a 7/11 Committee. Applications will be out on the district site. The purpose of the Committee is to review and analyze property owned by OUSD and determine what real property could be designated as "excess" or "surplus" because it will not be needed for school purposes. The Committee will then present a report to the Board of Trustees recommending uses for the surplus property, or how to dispose of the property (e.g., sale, lease, etc.). This is a very important task and the below highly-qualified, capable, and committed individuals have been selected to be members of the Committee. Members of the Committee serve only on a voluntary basis. The Committee proceedings and deliberations are open to the public. Under California law (Education Code § 17389), the Committee must have at least seven (7) members and no more than eleven (11) members and contain persons who are representative of each of the following:

1. The ethnic, age group and socioeconomic composition of the district;

2. The business community, such as store owners, managers, or supervisors;
3. Landowners or renters, with preference to be given to representatives of neighborhood associations;
4. Teachers;
5. Administrators;
6. Parents of Students;
7. Persons with expertise in environmental impact, legal contracts, building codes, and land use planning, including, but not limited to, knowledge of the zoning and other land use restrictions of the cities or cities and counties in which surplus space and real property is located.

DAC: Wendy Zuazo

District purchased 8 luxury buses for the high schools to use. Also attempting to secure \$14M from the state to assist with the purchase of EV buses. If unable to secure the funding, then the district will have to pay the cost.

LCAP surveys are important, so please fill out.

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

Next HSL Meeting will be on February 27, 2024 at 8:15 in the MPR.

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

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