

Villa Park Elementary School Home & School League
General Meeting
October 27, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Location: VPE MPR

Members Present: Kari Christe, Stefani McMillen, Wendy Wolf, Kristina Evans, Wendy Zuazo, Beth Brunette, Linda Mortensen, Audrey Murray, John Lancy, Shelly Johnson, Julie Levy, Erin Flynn, Leana Kaufman, Eva Ahmed, Madison Capps

Member Meeting began at 8:15 am

5th Grade Presentation

Visual performing arts program:

Sierra Kailani, Mrs. Kim's theater VAPA. Learned Tablo, pantomime, musical, voice over acting, etc. voice over acting, scene from finding nemo. Dory and Marlon performance.

Band: Luke and Emma. They have been learning their first 5 notes of the band. Gave example of a note they learned.

Vera and Mady: Mrs Harises class. Choir: Learning the showcase for Yankee Doodle. Learning notes and rhythm.

Olivia: orchestra class. Played new notes, learned how to hold bow properly and learning their new song.

Will have a winter performance in January

Villa Park Elementary Safety Community Forum

Mrs. Arceo: they are here from the district to address the School Site Safety Hediberto Angel and Dr. Ken Miller

Hediberto: Former principal at Lampson elementary. What are we doing as a district. What is our safety task force doing. Composed of parents, student from high school, school staff. Parents are very vocal and want to know what we are doing to ensure safety.

Genuine wellness and safety, focus area 3.0

A safe and respectful environment is essential for success

Know each student's name and face

Promotes emotional health

Standardized staff and visitor identification: Raptor, way to manage who and when they come onto campus. Helps identify predators

Single points of ingress and egress: Recommendation from grand jury, single points to enter and exit at any school during school hours so we know who is coming in and out at all times.

Secured perimeter fencing: group from scs and walked through every dingle school site. Looked at everything from classrooms to buildings to bathrooms, playgrounds, etc

Visitor/Volunteer Management System:

Increased Campus Security: at high school 4-6, middle 1-2, currently working on bringing to security to elementary

Consistent protocol for emergency drills: have district prep students ahead of time when they have drills, so they don't get scared.

Professional development:

Staff Education

Student education

Parent education

Looking into active shooter training. Starting with high school, then middle, then elementary. It will roll out in stages

Training like how to use certain items like a weapon. Ex: fire extinguisher can be used as a weapon for protection.

- Mental health: learning to identify “Red Flags” in students’ behaviors. Ex: working to really strengthen.
- Online support for students and parents
- Prevention, intervention, and postvention resources

Come to the district if you need the help, the help is there for us to use as a resource. They did a summer walkthrough to identify any protentional issues.

Uniform id of each classroom

Uniform id of any building on school site and rooftops as well

Signage, its inconsistent so they will be updating all signs

Exterior fencing: they need to meet a certain height and installing slats so people from outside cannot see the inside of the playgrounds

Cameras: goal to have all elementary schools in the district to have cameras on campus by end of 2023

District has a plan in place. Next step is creating a timeline to have all items on the list to be completed.

VPE and sheriff, had a meeting to see how the sheriff will assist in the case of an emergency.

They will split us up into groups so we can brainstorm on what we would like to see happen.

Approve September meeting

Motion to Approve First: Erin Flynn, second: Beth Brunett

Stefani budget report

- Highlight the Birthday Marquee. Not a lot happening on that front. Need to promote it more
- In need of a new volunteer to handle the Birthday Marquee. Beth Brunett has volunteered to take on the job
- Fall fundraiser money is starting to come in and reflect on the Budget
- Parent mixer funds came in

- Membership drive is coming back now that fun run is done. We are low on members joining.

DAC meeting: Stacy Fitzgerald spoke about human trafficking. For more in detail information, it is posted on her website and is very informative.

ELOP (Extended Learning Opportunity Program: we receive \$180K for that. \$60k was used by cares to offer to low income. We will be offering before and after programs so we will be using that income for that but only for students that are eligible for it that qualify under low income. They will start their first program in the winter. Principal said she's not sure how to offer it to students since it will only be for low-income families. So, there is a concern that parents that don't qualify for it will not be happy that their child is excluded because they don't qualify because of income.

Cast: 3rd and 4th grade level students. Only 3-4 students that are struggling academically they want to begin offering tutoring and suggestions on learning tools.

Working on test scores to come up even though the scores are great, but we have some room for improvement. Our budget for extra programs is only \$20k. That is not a lot to work with.

Kari: can we look into a music after school enrichment program? Principal will look into getting a music teacher for the students as an after school.

Can we get tutors? We can get them if the teachers are in the class. High school students potentially that need to earn volunteer hours? They will look into that and see if it would be allowed.

Fun Run: Wendy Wolf: We had a great year, 441 families pledged. We raised \$51,541 does that include business sponsors? That amount does not include the sponsors. We are looking for a date for next year. Moving it to November if possible. Looking a new person to volunteer for the position.

5th grade fundraising: We have trunk and treat coming up. Parents can purchase tickets at the door for \$4 per child. No more food sales available. But there will be concession items afterwards for the movie night. Bring chairs, will try it in the quad.

Cookie dough fundraising is coming out next week! Fizzy Friday will be next Friday 11/4. Boo grams were very successful. Brought in at least \$1,500/tentative.

Fall parties will be on Monday 10/31. 2 parents per class to volunteer.

How much are birthday marquees. \$25 per announcement. Form comes home at the beginning of the year and the person in charge will hold it until the date its set for. But having a nice reminder mid-way through the year would be nice for parents.

Meeting adjourned: 9:40am