

## **VPE General Meeting**

**February 28, 2025**

**Villa Park Elementary: 10551 Center Dr., Villa Park, CA 92861**

**Present:** Jolin Lang, Marissa Cordero, Manuel Cisneros, Heather Sandoval, James Martin, Kathleen Lim Valle, Audrey Ming, Jillian Fick, Charlene Chu, Leann Kaufman, Breanne Karanikolas, Scott Shelley, Merrill Norrdin, Wendy Zuazo, Eva Ahmed, Lacey Cahill, Cheryl Witt, Martha Arceo and Heidi Estremera

**Call to order:** 8:21 am

### **Welcome: Wendy Zuazo**

The Home and School League (H&SL) welcomes everyone to the meeting.

### **Grade presentation 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

*Update:* The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade presenters shared that they are learning cursive, doing math rotations and reading informational texts. They enjoy when the teachers offer *Thinking* skittles for kiddos that are tired.

### **Approval of meeting minutes: Heidi Estremera**

Meeting minutes from the January General Board Meeting approval requested- 1st, Lacey Cahill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Sandoval. Minutes approved.

### **Guest Speaker: Mr. Jones/ Cerro Villa Principal**

CV Highlights: The goal for students at CV is to enjoy coming to school. They encourage engagement on campus and have the goal to create a welcoming and enjoyable culture on campus. There are 742 students on campus at CV. Mr Jones communicates with families by sending a newsletter via email every Sunday and utilizes a school wide google classroom for students to access any school announcements. CV has a strong PFSO board. CV has a new elective course-health science and medical academy which leads into VPHS medical pathway. E-sports club is very popular and is now a curriculum with students learning how to create the games. CVTV video production class is student lead and student made. CV has over 20 clubs. CV has implemented "What I need" (WIN Wednesday)- students get to catch up and teachers can re-teach difficult topics, etc.

### **Principal Announcements: Principal Martha Arceo**

*Principal updates:* Cursive is now part of the curriculum and next year will be taught starting in kindergarten.

### **Treasurer: Stefani McMillen**

*Budget update:* Not many changes- Installing shades in MPR and teacher's lounge.

### **Carnival: Wendy Zuazo**

*Update:* The VPE Carnival will be held on 4/11/2025 and volunteers are needed. Sign up on volunteer form for 1 hour segments. Needing a lot of parent support/volunteers to help this year. Carnival hours will be from 4-8 pm but volunteers will be needed from 3:30-9pm. This year the carnival ticket process will be

changed to Will Call. There will be an opportunity to preorder tickets and food. Flyers go home 3/10/2025. Orders close on 3/21 so things can be tallied and food can be ordered. Email Wendy for questions, etc.

*Auction:* Carnival auction volunteers are also needed for set up and take down. We also need more items donated. Teacher experiences are set. Lots of wonderful auction items so far but we still need more.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade fundraising:** Merrill Norrdin

Sees candy fundraiser goes home today. Starred items we get 50% of proceeds. Orders will be distributed on Thursday 4/10/2025. If you purchase from a specific 5<sup>th</sup> grader, they get 50% back. Food sales for Carnival is also for 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising-preorder with tix sales TK burger. Fizzy Friday and restaurant night are other upcoming fundraising opportunities.

**Dads club:**

First 2025 meeting discussed carnival-need volunteers. Poker night 4/26/2025.

**Updates and Q&A: Wendy Zuazo**

*Update:* Bike Rodeo-3/19

Lipsync 6/4

Bobcat Polooza 6/6

Book fair sign ups Jolin Lang- open during carnival

Looking for general board members reach out to Wendy

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**February:**

3/3-3/7: Read Across America

3/10-3/14: Art Masters Lessons

3/12: Bike Rodeo Demo

3/12: Dine Out Day- Red Robin-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising

3/13: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Photo

3/19: Bike Rodeo

3/20: Teacher/Staff Treats

3/21: Fizzy Friday

3/26: Dine Out Day Habit Burger (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising)

3/28: H&SL Meeting (8:15 am)

3/31-4/4: Spring Break

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:08 am