




Valencia

Home & School Club

	Location: Valencia Elementary playground benches
	Date: September 15, 2021
	Time: 5:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Angela, Carin, Mary, Beth, Lizzy, Kim, Julie, Cara, Heidi

I. Introduction (5 minutes)

Anyone new that would like to introduce themselves has an opportunity.

- No new members today

II. Spirit Wear (5 minutes)

Spiritwear update from Kim. Do we know when the options will be live on our website for purchase? How do we want to advertise?

- Information up on the website.
- Do we also want to include a print out for homework folders too so that it is not only online. - Yes! It's important to make access in more than one form.
- Kim will bring in a copy for Carin by Monday 9/20/21

III. Website Content (10 minutes)

Kim talked about the website and needing content at our August meeting. Has anyone thought about ideas? Can we ask a parent from 3rd grade to document the Fair field trip? Maybe we could do a day in the life series (day in the life of a kinder, or 1st, 2nd, ...).




Discussion

Ideas for Website Content:

- Kim will take pictures on the 3rd Grade County Fair trip
- Another parent will do a write up of the activities of the day
- Student authors would be great as well (kid's perspective of the field trip)
- 1st Assembly about Best Effort (update for website)
- A Day in the Life... of a student (start with 6th grade student and work down the grades)
- One 'feature' a month is feasible to add to website
- Any noteworthy news on campus - example "spelling champs" "1st grade 100 book club" etc..
- Spirit Days (Next one Sept. 24, Toevember etc..)
- Link Instagram feed on to website
- Others??? Share with Kim

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IV. Drive for Schools (20 minutes)

Lizzy update, with a reminder on how we decided to structure this year's ticket sales for class and teacher participation as a group, rather than an individual level.

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- It's all set to go
- Signs need to be hung up (They are beautiful)
- Lizzy will send update (write up) for newsletter and teachers
- Teachers need to bring envelopes to front office since parent volunteers will not be collecting them
- Weekly drawings/prizes and School Wide Goals/Awards (no awards for top selling teacher/student this year)

V. Direct Ask Wrap Up (5 minutes)

Lizzy, how did our direct ask campaign go? Should we randomly pull a winner for the parking spot?

- Direct Ask ended today
- Total raised \$2570 - will go towards Drive For School totals (donations earned DFS tickets)
- Winner chosen at meeting: (Eve Lundsten- winner of Parking Space Drawing)

VI. Other Updates: Financial (Lizzy), Communication (Joanna), Spring Auction (Mary) (15minutes)

○ Financials (Lizzy)

- Update is from July/August (so it's not reflective of most recent deposits)
- Supplies Checks for teachers- Done
- Taxes have already been filed (our accountant is retiring- need a new tax lawyer)
- Lizzy makes a motion to remove Darcelle Pruitt former HSC President from the **Valencia Elementary Home & School Club Comerica Account # 1892854108** and we want to add Angela Mendenhall the new HSC President as a signer to the account. Motion is seconded by Beth Paiva. Vote called: All in favor.

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- Last two pages of financials includes the various transitions for the beginning of the year
- **Communication (Joanna)**
 - No Update
- **Spring Auction (Mary)**
 - Angela nominated Mary to be Fundraising Chair.
 - Community Foundation are not open for events (2021/22 school year)
 - La Selva Clubhouse is open (outdoor function) **3/26/22** application for free or reduced rental rate.
 - Auction update: Do we have any 'stored' auction items that can be used this year? We need to complete inventory items. Good to keep ears open for possible auction donation items.

VII. Caryn Update (15 minutes)

- Caryn shared that student field trips, parent volunteers in classrooms etc. is still in the process of being decided
- Student enrollment has been fluctuating for the past few weeks (475 students currently)
- Attendance has been around 90%
- Sunshade update - Waiting for update (coordinator has been out). Will be in main courtyard of campus
- Coned off area (Alliance for a Healthier Generation - Grant) sensory art path work. Artist will 'create' on the spot. Will be done by Monday 9/20 Will serve as a quiet activity that students can do to focus/center. Grant covers artists. Valencia pays for paint,
- Tribute to Aptos High Student will be completed at Valencia- A dedication of Grotto in his name. (plant, picnic benches and plaque)

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- Increased connections with parents and students regarding SEL support for students. Counselors on campus helping to connect students in need of extra support. Working to dispel untrue rumors.
- 3rd Grade Santa Cruz County Fair field trip 9/16
- Sub shortages with district
- New option for students/parents- Covid faster testing available thru Cabrillo (M-F afternoons 3 to 6 and Sat.) 19 hour turn around. Also available at PVUSD office (M, W, F 9-5)- Update will be added to Valencia Website
- First 6th Grade leadership meeting Friday 9/10: Safety Team, School Culture, Tutoring Team (no Green Team currently). Adults on campus to take photos for the yearbook.
- Best Focus/Drive For School Assembly this Friday
- MAP testing still going
- Kinder - 3 will add in an additional quick assessment to assess students who may need additional support
- Overall it's been wonderful to be back on campus with the students. Extra time and attention is being given to the current needs of students. Everyone is adjusting to being back.

VIII. Any Other Discussion Topics (10 minutes)

- Next meeting October 12th @ Valencia picnic benches (Zoom link will be available and posted on HSC website)
- Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm