

# Valencia Home & School Club

## Meeting Minutes

[Zoom Link](#)

March 27, 2024

**Attendance:** Caryn Lane, Gatisa Noble, Monica Terwilleger, Kim Guiley, Teresa Reed, Tessa Locke Paddon, Gustavo Guimaraes, Lizzy Anderson, Lisa Gorecki, Sarah Lundgren, Lily Gerrans, Leah Creatura, Amber Gardea, Guadalupe and Adrian Jimenez-Bautista

I. Welcome (Lisa Gorecki)

II. Approval of February Meeting [Minutes](#)

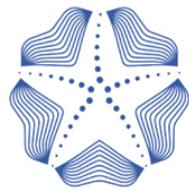
- Gatisa motions to approve minutes. Teresa seconds the motion. Motion approved.

III. Class Balances Discussion/Decision on amount/process going forward

- Idea to make it more focused on 6th graders to raise money for graduation celebration and school gift instead of starting it at K
- We need to keep the grade level specific accounts either way for field trips and grade level funds
- Could use them as ways to foster grade level collaboration from the parent community
- A portion of funds raised at our fundraisers could go to grade balances, would be a good way to bring awareness to these accounts
- Could have HSC match a percentage of donations as incentive for grade levels to raise money
- Start by connecting people by grade level and then making sure everyone knows about these accounts and how they work

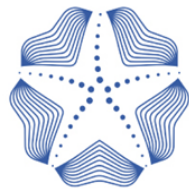
IV. Financial Report (Lizzy Anderson)

- Funds finally received from Bang Cookie Fundraiser
- \$1262 raised so far for 6th grade graduation/celebration
- a. Music Conference request (booking mix-up additional \$500 for the reservation)
  - Dr. Corbin paid for the additional expense



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- Kim motions for HSC to fund the additional \$500. Gustavo seconds the motion. Motion approved.
  - b. 1st Grade request (Life Cycle unit, ladybug and butterfly larvae and enclosures - \$300)
    - Kim motions to approve the \$300. Monica seconds the motion. Motion approved.
    - Caryn update on district funding - the district is planning to phase out people funded with soft money (ie HSC funds). As people resign from these positions, the positions won't be protected and can't be refilled with the district.
    - It likely won't change too much for us next year, but changes will be seen over time.
    - We may need to meet with the district for clarity on this and to see how we can support these positions. It could be good to connect with Rio's HSC to see how they handle it.
- V. Events Update (Lily Gerrans)
- a. Cozy Up to Reading Curriculum Night
    - A sweet event, but low attendance
  - b. Art Night Curriculum Night
    - Great attendance, food was appreciated and event was really fun
  - c. Open House - dinner?
    - Yes, we'll provide dinner as a fundraiser, pizza and hot dogs from Costco, we'll need volunteers to serve food
  - d. Science Night Curriculum Night - decide Dinner
    - Expanded Learning funds are going to pay for the Physics Bus now, and they suggested we host dinner.
      - Lily motions to use the fund previously approved for the Physics Bus on hosting dinner instead. Lisa seconds the motion. Motion approved.
- VI. Marketing Update (Kim Guiley)
- Spiritwear pre ordering has closed, they expect a fast turnaround, Gatisa ordering mugs, there will be extra mugs and leftover spiritwear that can be sold during music week along with yearbooks.



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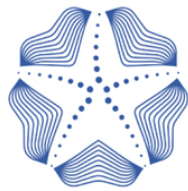
- Yearbook design is wrapping up to go to print, they should arrive at the beginning of May. How many extra yearbooks should we order to sell?
  - Kim motions to order 100 extra yearbooks. Gatisa seconds the motion. Motion approved.

## VII. Fundraising

- a. APEX (Caryn Lane) - social media and flyers
  - Updates below
- b. Dine for Valencia
  - Next one is April 16 at Akira Sushi

## VIII. Principal's Report (Caryn Lane)

- March has been a busy month
- Ms. Mel set up an author visit and book tasting with different genres at each table and the book fair is happening now.
- Life Lab has wrapped up for the upper grades and is transitioning back to the lower grades.
- Music week was this week, it was a lot of fun.
- Busy readying all the report cards and classified staff evaluations.
- Looking forward to April, first day back from spring break is the eclipse viewing.
- Apex starts 4/16 (theme APEX Power), kickoff assembly is 4/16 with classroom visits Weds-Weds, they are using a different platform this year that should be easier, blurb will go on fundraising page to say what money is used for, teachers will have a huddle to get details before the assembly, fun run event is Thursday 4/25, they will start with the big kids and end with the littles, we need to send out a signup genius for volunteers and fruit donations.
- Google form for future classroom placement will go out after spring break, this is not for teacher requests but other input, it will close on April 30th.
- Teachers are gearing up for 3rd-6th grade state testing, 5th is taking the state science test, 2nd is taking the MAP test towards the end of May.
- Everyone is working on end of year assessments.
- 6th graders (and parents) are planning the end of year celebration.



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- 6th grade student of the year has been selected, their bio has been written and that student will be celebrated on 4/17 at a virtual board meeting, the Pajaronian will run a spread with pictures and the bio.
- 2nd-3rd will do a 4 week dance unit after spring break, TK-1 will be the last 4 weeks of school, each grade choosing a style and will do something different next year.
- We may have 2 APEX assemblies this year instead of one so everyone can hear easier.
  - Should we upgrade our portable sound system to help with all school assemblies and large events? Kim will reach out to Dr. Corbin to see if he can help.

## IX. Other Director Reports

- None

## X. Public Comment

- Ms. Creatura is trying to get a garden built before the grant funds are unavailable in June, there are people coming next week to work on this, it would be great to have parent/family volunteers to help demo and rebuild, Lisa and Lily will send out a notice for helpers. We will plan on Sunday 4/7 and 4/14 (10-2pm).
- We could use additional hangers for the lost and found racks (the plastic ones without notches on top), for anyone who has extra they can be added straight to the racks.
- We could use better mechanics and systems in place for new parents coming in to have a better understanding of our school, HSC and how things work with fundraising etc..., more efficiency in fundraising and messaging, templates for how various events and functions are done that can be referenced for future years, maybe we can build this out on the website.
- Discussed the idea of setting up parent liaisons for groups of classes (TK-2, 3-4, 5-6), parent nights for specific grades or grade clusters (similar to the freshman parent night at the high school level), try to use it as a way to educate and build community.

*\*Next meeting is on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in the Library.*