Happy Valley Parents Club

June 2014

Attendance

Jennifer Kuechle

Shaena Strubing

George Purnell

Michelle McKinny

Deb Finfer

Steve Seffinger

Jen White

Everett Meisser

Deborah McArthur

Alison Pepper

Annette Olson

Nicole Lostrie

Call to order 7:03 PM

1. Approve May Minutes -- Approved
2. Bi-laws tabled until 9/14.
3. **Website Update**- Confirmed that Ben will update. Has not yet been moved. Weebly may not be secure enough. Deb to follow-up.
4. **Principal’s Report**: End of year activities – Michelle  
   Tomorrow: Kids Olympics

Monday: Talent Show. Begins at 9 AM at stage.   
Wednesday is our sixth grade promotion.   
Thursday is Field Day—For ice cream, we need three barrels.  
Sentinel was here doing a story on Distinguished School.   
Play went well last night.

1. **Financial Update**: (Handout – Attached)  
   Jennifer White moved to approve, Deb seconded.  
   Arts Alive was short on funds this year. Next year, need to ensure that this doesn’t occur as the reserve is diminishing. They will need to submit a budget.
2. **2014/15 Master Calendar** – Deb Finfer  
   A subgroup will meet to make the calendar.  
   Agreed upon calendar will facilitate communication. Room parent participation in crucial in planning/pushing calendar.
3. **2014/15 Fundraising** **Letter** review/approval.  
   Jen White: Wants to put out letter and a book on the Parent Club to everyone. Then, in future years, we’ll give the info just to kindergarteners. Michelle thinks the letter should be from everyone: Board, staff and Parents Club.   
     
   Jen W. suggests that we calculate how much each student’s share is of the programs and ask for that amount. We should make it easy to pay/volunteer/or other up front to relieve the stress of fundraising over the year.

George: Maybe we need to shoot higher than our goal, i.e. 75K. George points out that enrollment fluctuates.

Michelle: Emphasizes goal of valuing everyone’s contributions.   
  
Shaena: People start out strong and then get burned out. At kinder round-up we need to get energized and organized, and have a clear message.   
  
Everett: Proponent of the Buddy system. At kinder round-up, kinder parents need coaching/education. Need to get people to commit at the beginning of the year, and then keep them motivated. PC meetings are confusing. Get people signed up for two things they are passionate about. We need to reach out to people by calling them, following up on commitments. Parent Club representatives should sit down with small groups to explain it.

Jen White: Got most people involved by being on the playground.

Alison: You have to pay for pre-school, so when people come here, $576 feels like a deal. Events during the day are difficult for working families to attend.

Shaena: What if we do Parent Club every six weeks for two hours, with the first hour being a social. Michelle: What about having sub-meeting for events to make them more social?  
  
Alison: On back to school night, would it be possible to have a point person for each event we do, and get people to sign-up.?  
  
Jennifer: What about a PC meet and greet at beginning of year at night so working parents can attend?   
  
Alison: Back to school night felt late last year, so doing it earlier would be good to get sign-ups for BBQ. Michelle: we try and do it the 2nd or 3rd week of September.  
  
Everett: We should write thank you notes.

Michelle: We do a sign-up sheet at beginning of the year. Need to follow-up with folks who volunteers. Alison Pepper volunteered to follow-up with people who sign-up for volunteering.  
  
Jen White: Ask people if they are willing to do the same job next year.

Jennifer: Email lists need to be coordinated. How about a parent social—potluck at the school. Michelle points out that we have the BBQs to use. Goal is to build community.

Deb: Thinking about getting rid of Scholastic book sale in favor of a used book sale.

1. **Nominations/Vote PC Board**  
   Jennifer K. nominates Everettt for Treasurer, George seconds it. None opposed.  
   Shaena nominates Deb Finfer and Jen White as Co-presidents. Everett seconds it. None opposed.

Deb nominates Shaena for Vice President. Jennifer seconds. None opposed  
Jennifer nominates Annette for Secretary, George seconds. None opposed.

1. Adjourn 8:20.

Submitted by Annette Olson