**Happy Valley Parent Club**

**November 19, 2015 Meeting**

**Minutes**

Everett Meisser, Jr.

Jennifer White

Callie M. Bentzley

Sara DeMeyer-Geyer

Shaena Strubing

Heather Wilder

Tiffany Willet

Annette Olson

6 PM Call to order

**1. Introductions (Jen)**  
Small group-- no introductions needed

**2. Approve October Minutes**

Jen makes motion. Everett seconds it. Approved.

**3. Principal's Report (Michelle)**

(Michelle gave comments to Shaena for meeting). Michelle wants to do another survey in January about prioritizing funding to see what parents care about. For example, we want input on Fab Lab and Life Lab.

**4. Finance Update (Everett) (Handout)**

We have raised to date: $38,282. Total amount committed is: $39,550, and our goal from commitment letter is $50,000). (Everett reviews handout.)

48% of families make a commitment. The average commitment is $693 per family.

Tiffany: Asks about volunteer commitments on commitment sheets.

Jen: Thinking about restructuring the Parent Club Board by having people be in charge of events. Also, thinking about doing volunteering by sign-up genius, i.e. not on commitment sheets.

Everett: When there’s Kinder Round-up, and at beginning of the school years, we should meet with new parents as members of the Board. We shouldn’t be embarrassed to ask for money. Everyone is asking for money. We are trying to maintain what we have to pass down. Perhaps reach out to ITDs more.

Shaena: Suggests that it should be called Kinder Orientation.

**5. Family Night Out (Carol)**

From Everett: He talked Mirjam from Caffe Luccio. She’s willing to do a Family Night Out and give 25%. In the next newsletter, she’d like to announce that Happy Valley families can either get a 20% discount or donate it to Happy Valley if they tell their server that they go to Happy Valley.

From Shaena: The next Family Night Out is Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Burger on Westside. We get 10%. Requires a paper flier. From past nights, we’ve earned: Woodstock $331 and Kianti’s $218 (20%). Also doing a night out at Surfrider. Surfrider gives 15%.

**6. Commitment Sheets (Jen)**

Covered above under item 4.

**7. BBQ Update (Jen)**

We made $3,300 from event. Also, $4,000 in commitments were collected. Next year we may have a music fest with the intent being to make it a community event.

**8. Redwood Auction (Jen)**

Wants to have a meeting to go over auction list. They will be theme-based packages by event or location. Location of the event is still not finalized. It may still be at Al’s. We’re going to put out a brochure listing live and online “by it now” auction.

Heather: You can do online bid sheets and then stop those at the start of the party, and use that as the starting point for bidding at the Redwoods Dinner.

Jen: We will try to get the credit cards on file. Everett says that it worked well at Cystic Fibrosis where they swipe your card at the door.

**9. Read-a-thon (Shaena)**

At school, we have a day or two of guest readers….firefighter, doctor, skater….. Kids are encouraged to read as much as they can within a certain period. It’s a third party that does the fundraiser templates for you. All we need to do is email our people for pledges. The company takes something like 20%. Vine Hill did it and raised $30,000. Kids get prizes from company. The name of the organization is Read-A-Thon.com.

We will do the used book sale again. Last time we raised $800. We would do it at the end of January or February.

**10. Open Discussion**

Sarah: We’ve been talking about changing our school logo. Shows logo done by Trinity (former student and Ms. Ruwe’s daughter). Everyone loves it. Shaena has a connection for printers….trucker hats, t-shirts, bumper stickers.

Sarah bringing up for Carlie Stromm: Suggests the idea of adopting a family over the holidays. Jen: Suggests that the idea is more of a school/classroom thing, than Parent Club.

Heather: Has a question about brining mini-courses back. (Brief discussion about mini-courses.)

Callie asks about when blacktop painting will occur. Kids need stuff to do at recess. Also asks if we do a talent show….we could do it at night and sell tickets.

Raffle: Sarah D-G won a bottle of wine.

7:05 PM Adjourn