

VPFA MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DATE:
October 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER 6:06

- Sign-in Sheet
- Approve September 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to Approve: **Carla Fabrigas**
 - Second: **Ile Jones**
 - **Approved unanimously**

Note that meetings will need to end no later than 7:30pm moving forward

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Miss Theodora Pappas
 - Quick updates
 - 44 days of school!
 - 712 students
 - HR Updates:
 - Have 5 new noon supervisors
 - Ms Melissa (Office Manager) will be leaving end of October (31st)
 - Strong applicant pool
 - Speech services (impacts ~100 students)
 - Sarah Rainer (SLP)
 - 2 days a week
 - Meghan DeOrnellas (SLPA)
 - Just started, will start 5 days a week
 - Always in need of substitute positions
 - Campus highlights:
 - Enhancement classes are underway
 - Mobile Dairy Classroom assembly
 - Boosterthon fun run was a great success
 - Community service day - thank you to everyone who helped
 - Pastries with Pappas: Wonderful turnout w/ Neurodiversity parent group
 - Facilities & Safety:
 - Fence has been added all around
 - Thank you VPFA for umbrellas and air conditioning units

FACULTY REPORT

- Mrs. Judith Richards - TK-2nd grade representative
 - Great time at Fun Run
 - Thank you to VPFA for Friday treats
 - Beautification of front of school from Community Service day looks great
 - Enrichment classes
 - Music teacher is amazing
- Mrs. Erika Austen - 3rd-5th grade representative (*not present*)
 - *No update*

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jennifer Jung

- If you need reimbursement, can text, use QR code or email vpfatreasurer@gmail.com
- Air conditioner unit, we were able to offset shipping cost to get a discount
 - Double as blue tooth

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DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Ting Zhu (*not present*)
 - Jen is running posters for family posters, some are still coming in - not too late to send in
- Director of Community Events
 - Community Service Day Recap - Ile Jones
 - ~45 volunteers, most seen in 3 years
 - Shout out to Melissa for all the permits and last minute efforts
 - Still a stack of rocks the kids can pick up (front of school there is a sign) to add to "Val"
 - Beagle volunteered to help take over (shadow next year)
 - Hospitality Update - Maddi Bell (*not present*)
 - Custodian month last month
 - Fall Staff Lunch 10/27
- Director of Fundraising - Katrina Arando (*not present*)
 - Boosterthon Recap - Jessica Evans
 - The school raised \$121k!!
 - \$40k goes to Booster
 - \$80k profit for the school (last year was \$60k)
 - Opportunity for corp matching up to \$12k - we won't see all of this but will be following up
 - 88% registered
 - Ideas for next year:
 - Do a "Family lap" for each grade
 - Do the shirt material that have the counter on the back so it's not a sticker
 - Pappas is going to talk to PHE
 - Opportunity for sponsorship on t-shirts
 - Sensory lap or time for kids that may be overwhelmed
 - Next year dates:
 - 9/22 - 9/39 (before Fall Break)
 - Digital 9/21 (Yom Kippur) - which is also available online
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 - **Approved unanimously**
 - Square1 Art Update - Haley Reuvenkamp (*not present*)
 - All turned in!
 - Valhalloween Update - Selena Frudakis & Christina Assia (*not present*)
 - Just need volunteers and candy!
- Director of School Services - Kelli Fields
 - After School Enrichment - Lichelle Nucum
 - Asking for volunteers to help with enrichment
 - Insurance, permits, etc - sooner rather than later
 - Room Parent Coordinator - Christina Min (*not present*)
 - No update
 - Reading Lab - Corine Canale (*not present*)
 - Need more volunteers

PARENT GROUP REPORTS

- Neurodiversity Parent Group Update (*not present*)
- Outdoor Ed Parent Group Update (*not present*)
 - Otis fundraiser is coming
 - Big turn out for the Gotts fundraiser

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- Walk & Roll Parent Group Update (*not present*)

OTHER BUSINESS / DISCUSSION / PROPOSALS (pre-submitted agenda items)

- Cool Boss AC units arrived
- JC Tree Service Assembly Proposal - Ile Jones
 - Willing to do a tree assembly with nature, garden lesson
- Hello Week - After Winter Break - Leadership Team Project
 - Structured week to focus on social skills
 - Targeting to maybe combine this with "kindness week"
- NEW – * Discussion - pre-submitted agenda requests to ensure that the correct people are present for a constructive, respectful, meaningful conversation leading to positive next steps.
 - To submit a proposal or request to be added to the agenda email vpfapresident@gmail.com

GOOD OF THE ORDER (2min/person - solution oriented forum)

- Proposal for Anti Bullying initiative
 - Dan and Tessa Barrows have come with options and would like the VPFA to consider a broader program, as they believe bullying is a large issue at Valhalla that is deeper than a one week solve
 - Ideas:
 - Is there a way to tie the words "Anti Bullying" to Kindness week?
 - New student orientation - Pappas to really push this at the beginning of the year
 - Assembly as a quick win? Tessa may look into this
 - Empathy based model, need to focus on what bystanders do, can't always change the "bully" - can we broaden to not just the two people involved?
 - We have more noon duty coverage
 - Mrs. Pappas to do some initial research with Strandwood, and other schools to see what they are doing
 - Open to looking into this, have run into some issues with these programs in the past
 - Do we look at doing this more organically? Building what we have?
 - NEXT STEP:
 - Pappas will look into options and bring to next month's VPFA meeting
- Safety concern
 - Front of the school is very vulnerable for TK and Kinders
 - All teachers need to have front doors closed and locked - Mrs. Pappas usually goes by and checks doors
 - Kinders can run to the front of the school
- Can we create an alternative lunch option for people that may want a quieter experience?
 - For example Valley View - has open library times a few days a week
 - Library is booked, not an option
 - We think Eva had open time at gardening
 - Could we post for a parent to do this?
 - We are tight on space so this is challenging, but Pappas is open to ideas if people have them

ADJOURN MEETING - 7:31pm

- Motion: **Jennifer Jung**
 - Second: **Ile Jones**
 - Unanimously approved