

Valhalla Parent Faculty Association- Board Meeting
February 15, 2023, 6:00pm, Library Annex

Call to order 6:05pm

Sign in

Review and approve Jan 2023 minutes

- Motion Marcie Stewart second Maddi Bell, approved unanimously
- Minutes (and agenda) will be posted to Konstella under files

Principal's Report

- Ms. Theodora Pappas reports all her updates will be in the newsletter
 - Display books of the month "Black History"
 - Safety plans and drills are being practiced
 - Reviewing dress code with help from Valley View Middle
 - Looking for two crossing guards
 - 2 new positions for teachers next school year
 - Madea awards of Excellence in district. Can nominate and vote until 2/28
 - Parent surveys out. 200 in so far and would like 400 total responses
 - CC Tobacco prevention survey to be blasted and posted on social
 - TK & K registration goes through the district March 15/16 not at Valhalla
 - Lots of fun coming up! Art Fair, movie night, open house to name a few
 - 3/26 Chalk art program with BBQ school lunch
 - 5/31 BMX assembly
 - 6/2 Last day of school

Faculty reports

- **Mrs. Richards -**
 - 2nd Trimester ending Friday 2/17
 - 3/10 report cards are available
 - Assembly Street Start Mr. Beeps showed lower grades awareness skills and only place to walk across is in a crosswalk!
 - Thank you for allowing the ordering of books from the proceeds of book fair. Each teacher got over \$300 in credits
- **Mrs. Austen -**
 - Mr. Beeps showed upper grades importance of helmet safety. Cool demonstrations.
 - 5th grade outdoor Ed coming up. Kids are super excited!
 - 4th grade is working on getting the Under the Sea art ready for the Art Fair
 - Box found in G-1 pod with supplies for STEAM night
 - Read a thon going on now. Great participation so far.

Informational Item:

- Mr. Buell presentation
 - He is full time at our school site only. VPFA currently funds 3 days a week.
 - He has a 3 tier support program for our (currently) 642 students
- #1 Tier is school wide for every student which consists of Assemblys, PBIS, class lessons (He wants to expand the PBIS program)
- #2 Tier is Check in/check out, intervention, consultations with teachers re: difficult students, group counseling, Groups like friendship groups with friend skills which recently

- started with K-2 grades. Also includes logistics with referrals, kids with worry, anger, anxiousness etc.
- #3 Tier supports the fewest students and is reserved for the really big stuff like family trouble, divorce, death etc. It is reserved as a short term support program.
 - Buell wants to collect data to track and monitor what is working and what needs improvement. This is to better plan for the next school year.
 - Possibly needs a group pre/post survey and program evaluation.
 - Counselor is different than psychologist where as psychologist deals with 504 plans and IEP.
 - Mrs. Richards notes on having a full time counselor on site:
 - There is a lot of high emotions at recess
 - Kids missed a lot during pandemic
 - There is a lot of conflict trying to work through things and need to talk it out with an adult when their teacher has the rest of the class to tend to.
 - She had kids that went to Buell and each side was heard and Buell offers non judgemental suggestions and conflict resolution tools.
 - Every Tuesday is recess room In Buell's class with games, books, legos, coloring etc. It is open to all to be a fun and safe place for kids who need it. Non counseling related
 - Mrs. Austen's notes on having a full time counselor on site:
 - Children need that consistency
 - Buell is valuable to our school and has built a good rapport with many students
 - A lot of behavior problems in the upper grades and Buell provides a safe space for kids to talk through their emotions.
 - Principal comments on Buell:
 - Buell is a calm and positive presence.
 - Making him full time has made a huge difference and is needed for coming years
 - There are many schools in our district that only have a counselor one or two days a week
 - There are 14 open counseling positions in our district
 - Marni Hutchins comments:
 - 5th grade could really use resources to help them resolve conflict but more importantly need more proactive interventions instead of reactive help.

Director's reports

- Director of Equity: Juana Collymore. Multicultural night confirmed for May 5th
- Director of Fundraising: Sidney Allen
 - Read a thon @ 18% of \$15k goal (Heidi gave update of current numbers raised at \$2675.04) Richards in lead with \$520 so far. 16 classes on the board with some money raised.
 - Auction has 113 tickets sold so far. Need/want 200
 - Not many Auction parties. May need to clarify what a party is exactly.
 - Auction basket theme needs to be turned in for each class by end of month.
- Director of Community Events: Jenna Haile
 - STEAM night will be Thursday April 13 6:30-8pm
 - Family Movie Night March 3rd unsure of which movie. Got a great sound system. 4th/5th grade can fundraise for future outdoor ed. will be advertising soon.
 - Art Fair March 15 6:30-8pm Under the Sea "Message in a bottle" theme
- Director of School Services: Kelli Fields nothing to report

Treasurer's report

- Jackie Lorenz has stepped down and Sidney Allen has graciously stepped in for the rest of the school year. She just received access to quick books last week. We were out of checks so she got an order of new ones. Please be patient while she gets caught up.

Other business

- ACTION ITEM: Christina Min announces Author visit assembly by Bay area local Mac Barnett. He is giving us a major discount at \$2000 for an appearance with 2 assemblies one for lower grades and one for upper grades to happen on the same day. He is the author of picture books, learn to read and small novels. He just started a TV show called Shapes.
 - Motion to approve by Juana Collymore and second by Theodora Pappas. Voted and approved.
- ACTION ITEM: VPFA funding of 3 Instructional Assistants at 0.45 FTE (18 hours a week) for Reading Lab support of grades 1-4 with Principal Pappas contributing for 1 Instructional Assistants at 0.45 for classroom support with the site budget.
 - Motion to approve by Marni Hutchins and second by Sidney Allen. Voted and approved.
- ACTION ITEM: Counselor to remain at Valhalla full time for the 2023/2024 school year with District covering 1 day a week, Site counsel budget covering 2 days a week and VPFA covering 2 days a week up to \$40k a year. These hours will be reviewed on a yearly basis.VPFA will fund 0.40 FTE of the school counselor for 2023/2024 school year.
 - Motion to approve by Mrs. Erika Austen and second by Jenna Haile. Voted and approved. 3 members abstained from this vote.

Good of the Order

- Marni Hutchins says 5th grade has raised enough funds for all students who want to go to Outdoor Ed! Officially Passing the cash box to 4th grade families to start fundraising now.
- Concerned parent informed us of an incident at Pine Hollow Middle in Clayton where caucasian students were passing out cotton to students of color. Parent asked what protocols are in place for things like this? Pappas explained we try to create a teachable moment out of incidents like this. Likely falls under the anti bullying program. They are having a town hall meeting held by the governance team 2/21 at 6:30pm at Pine Hollow.

Adjourn meeting

Thank you for attending! Motion to adjourn - Laurie Berry, second Maddi Bell. motion passes meeting adjourned 8:00pm.