

VPFA MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DATE:
January 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER 6:02

- Sign-in Sheet
- Approve November 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to Approve: Theodora Pappas
 - Second: Ile Jones
 - **Approved unanimously**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Miss Theodora Pappas
 - 720 students
 - HR - Open IA position
 - 8 people have applied, interviews will start next week
 - Thank you to VPFA for holiday events
 - Mr. Phillips musical performance was a hit
 - Dress up dates by Leadership
 - Canned food drive
 - Toys for Tots
 - Book Fair
 - Holiday lunch
 - Children's Theater performances were last week
 - Counseling updates
 - National Kindness week
 - SEL lessons with individuals and groups

FACULTY REPORT

- Mrs. Judith Richards - TK-2nd grade representative
 - Thank you for holiday lunch
 - Winter performance was wonderful
 - Heard very good feedback from her class
 - Assemblies
 - Moderators did great, had lots of kids
- Mrs. Erika Austen - 3rd-5th grade representative (not present)
 - **No Update**

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jennifer Jung

- Link to upload receipts is no longer active - making it more simple and faster
 - Send a quick email to Jennifer with category, how you want to be paid and total
 - Need itemized receipt
 - Epay takes a few days, check takes ~5 days
- Will all get reconciliation with Quickbooks
- Need a shadow for next year!

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Ting Zhu
 - Lion Dancers - 2/12
 - 2 shows, will send a note to teachers and room parents so people are prepared it will be loud
 - Multicultural Night - 2/19
 - Will likely post week of the 2nd for booth volunteers

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- Parade of Nations
 - Marcie and Christina are going to work on this
- Director of Community Events
 - Red Truck Theater Recap
 - Went super well, might be something we want to next year
 - Need a POC for the event
 - Discussion around having the event twice a year
 - STEAM Night
 - Ladies will be here next month to give an update
 - Art Fair / Open House
 - Email went out to teachers
 - Theme: My World My Way
 - Getting it out to the teachers early so they have extra time to do this as it is also with open house
- Director of Fundraising - Katrina Arando
 - Scholastic Book Fair Recap - Katrina Arando
 - Success - total revenue \$23k, purchase \$5500 in books for teachers/library and \$2100 cash for author visits
 - Considering putting it back in Nov, was a little less than last year
 - Sweetheart Dance - Katrina Arando
 - First time this year - 2/6
 - Thor Hall
 - Read-A-Thon - Heidi (*not present*)
 - Goal \$20k net (aligns with previous years)
 - Structure similar to year's past
 - Looking for grand prize party idea (In and Out was last year)
 - Kids liked like last year - Carla looking into us getting this again
 - Auction
 - Friday, April 24th
 - Tickets will go on sale soon
 - Rock n Roll theme
- Director of School Services - Kelli Fields
 - After School Enrichment Update - Lichelle Nucum
 - Sessions started this week
 - Increase prices for permits for vendors with district so this may affect prices moving forward on student's end
 - Looking for someone to shadow for next year
 - Have one person volunteer, but trying to get 1-2 more
 - Will be one more session this year (for Spring)
 - Reading Lab Update - Corine Canale
 - No updates

PARENT GROUP REPORTS

- Neurodiversity Parent Group Update
 - No updates
- Outdoor Ed Parent Group Update
 - Made enough funds
- Walk & Roll Parent Group Update
 - No updates

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

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- Open Positions
 - Marcie and Jenna will bring next meeting

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

- Friday snacks
 - Need better communications on who owns what weeks
 - There is a spreadsheet somewhere, but maybe reminders?
 - Carla is going to send a reminder to get to room parents
- Volunteer challenges
 - Ideas:
 - Get a contact from each class at Back to School night
 - Have classes sign up by day/shift
 - For example: 1st grade owns Monday afternoon coverage at the bookfair and finds their own volunteers between classes
- Event socialization (particularly with Kidners)
 - Seems kinders are not getting all comms, parents are unsure where to go as there is so much information
 - Ideas:
 - Centralized calendar - in newsletter already
 - Maybe add this to room parents responsibilities?
- Safety concerns on campus
 - There were a couple of 1st graders who walked off campus last week
 - Ideas:
 - Can we add a fence in front of the school to prevent kids from leaving - this was shutdown
 - District is aware and is reviewing options
 - Nothing the VPFA can do, will have to go to Pappas with concerns
- IA funding from VPFA
 - Pappas is requesting VPFA to continue to fund IA positions - has been in our budget for last 2 years
 - 2 instructional aids (.45 each)
 - Reminder: this is for positions not people
 - ~40K from VPFA budget for the year
 - Motion to approve: Carla Fabregas
 - Haley Reuvekamp
 - **Unanimously approved**

** 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

ADJOURN MEETING - 7:04pm

- Motion to approve: Theo Pappas
 - **Second:** Carla Fabregas
 - **Unanimously approved**