

VBMS PTA Meeting 2
2018-2019
September 25, 2018

Attendees: Kelly Lambroff, Carlye Miller, Monita Weyenberg, Suzy Shull, Lori Calderon, Alan Edwards, Dr. Bergren, Mr. Fox, Courtney Graves

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes from last meeting – Suzy approved and Carlye seconded

Principal Report:

- Upon arriving at VB, Dr. Bergren looked at data and examined the culture of the school. Prioritized what is valued by the staff and community. Asked staff what they valued. Made more changes, and made them quicker, than expected.
- Block Scheduling as biggest change. Ensured that staff was on board and assured them that they'd be given support in the form of professional development. Has had one parent come forward with concerns. The approach to instruction is a change that will be needed to support Block Scheduling. It is also anticipated that the new schedule will have a positive impact on discipline by limiting the number of transitions during the day.
- Changes in security is another big change.
- Oct. 8 virtual learning day – students will be given ½ hour of work per class to be completed at home.
- There were questions about Schoology – Parents need our students log in to access.
- List Serv is problematic as several domains no longer support it. This is being addressed.
- Securely – report of kids' online activity – unsure as to who gets this report and how this is received.
- Oct. 11 will be an advisory day where students will start the day in a lesson focused on career and academic planning, per regulations issued by the Commonwealth. There will be about 18 kids per advisory group. Lessons are designed by Teaching and Learning downtown.
- Chrome books have been issued.
- No electronics at lunch.
- There will be a morning homework center in the café soon.
- From 8:15 on, kids need to be in the building. Kids should not be on property before 8:15.
- Some quarterly goal setting will be established for Achieve 3000 to build reading strength and literacy. Dr. Bergren asked the PTA to help with incentives ie sundae bars

Mr Fox:

- Clubs and intramurals will need to vary meeting times to ensure all students are able to access at least some of those meetings.

- 21 new staff members – all excited about staff luncheon.
- 100 percent PTA membership for staff.
- Thanks for helping with physicals.
- New cheering coach this year.
- Some new coaching assignments are forthcoming.
- School dance this Friday 4-6.
- SCA reps are being elected and there will be a welcome meeting Thursday from 9:15-9:30
- Rock climbing club will be going to rock gym in Norfolk.
- Mr. Fox expressed interest in leadership program so has created a program called Beach Ambassadors. These students give tours and work school functions. Students apply for the program. Ambassadors are 8th graders.
- Oct is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Sports teams wear pink jerseys and socks. Dollar Tree donated dollar bucks for pink items for teachers.
- NHS and SCA came and asked if VB could help with hurricane relief. Donated \$900 to a Florida school last year that was used for breakfast. These officers will be choosing a school and calling them to offer assistance.
- PSAT testing Oct 16, 9:15–1 – need volunteers – not parents of 8th graders
- IPT testing Oct 16, 11-1 – need volunteers. Will pass along the need to Chris
- United Way fundraiser is mandatory so school leaders will be participating in a cookie fundraiser – Chip off the Old Block.
- October 18 is bus driver, security, café worker recognition day.
- Mr. Cullen asking for \$60 from PTA to buy oysters.
- Lori shared a graphic of our current bell schedule and asked if we could post it to the website. Mr. Fox suggested simplifying it.

Treasurer Report:

- Current balance is \$9561.22. There are still some membership fees and concessions to be deposited. A check was received from Kroger for \$144.43.

Membership Report:

- We've made \$2449.00 In memberships and stress free. We send \$622 to the state by Nov. 1. We will clear \$1826.50. There are 98 paid members.

Volunteers:

- Chris was not in attendance. Dates for testing volunteers and hospitality will be submitted to her. Hospitality dates are booked.

Box Tops:

- Oct. 25 will be first collection date. Bags will be given to teachers for collection during Seahawk prep. We will send announcement to Phil Friedman (?) to submit for morning announcements. Also suggest that parents sign up for programs at Kroger and Harris Teeter.

Concessions:

- Concessions have been arranged for all home boys and girls' soccer games. Mr. Fox is locating a cart specific to PTA concessions to make the set up easier for workers. Money box should go to an officer or to Kelly after games.

Hospitality:

- All dates set for events.

Newsletter:

- Lori will skip September and do our first newsletter for October. We need to encourage membership so will post application and send with Oct. 9th progress reports. Needs forms to Mr. Fox by Oct. 3. Let Lori know if you want anything on website.

Reflections:

- A morning announcement will be created to advertise Reflections contest. Submissions due Oct. 19. Topic is "Heroes Around Us." Make kids aware that there are prizes. Judges have been secured.

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