

Valhalla Parent Faculty Association
Minutes of March 18, 2015 Meeting

Call to order 6:35 PM

A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Kathy Melzcer, and seconded by Olivia Bonham. The motion passed.

Principal Report:

- Mrs. Calbeck shared that she was glad to be back
- She thanked everyone for the support, flowers, cards and good thoughts during her recovery at home and for the lovely plant delivered to her on her birthday from the VPFA.
- She also thanked the Parent Club for the wonderful luncheon they provided for the teachers on Friday, March 13th for the Staff Development Day. Everyone was so appreciative of the time to be able to site and visit with colleagues.
- Mrs. Calbeck reminded parents that the second trimester Report Cards were going to be coming home on Friday the 20th.
- The new computerized test piloted last year for students in grades third through fifth will be happening this year as well, only not as a pilot. This year the scores will count and parents will receive them.

Mrs. Calbeck also shared that it was time to approve the funding for the positions that the VPFA funds for the 2015-2016 school. She shared that the VPFA needed to make a motion agreeing to reimburse the cost of the positions. Kathy Melzcer made the motion to reimburse the cost of three Instructional Assistants at .375, one Instructional Assistant Position at .25 and one Site Tech I Position at .1125 (shared 50/50 with the school 0930). Annsley Hiles seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously to continue to fund these five positions for the 2015-2016 school year.

Treasure's Report

- The bowling night raised \$1,512.00 dollars. A few expenditures are out
- The read-a-thon made \$3,991.33

- Future fund raisers, ie: Auction, Book fair need to raise \$55,000.00 in order to make this year's budget expenditures.
- A discussion by present members regarding possible fund raisers took place

Faculty Report: Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Shearer

- Mrs. Hewgley, fifth grade teacher, is one of the top five candidates for MDUSD Teacher of the Year. The Valhalla community is so proud of her!
- Various student activities, the 100 day celebration, the Lunar Parade and Rancho Days were a success. The auditions are nearing for the Colonial Play.
- Fifth graders are planning for Outdoor Education Camp in June.

Directors Reports:

Association:

Nothing to report

Educational Services:

- Jennifer Vanya provided an update on the Garden Beds. It is a challenge to find adult help. We will be organizing for spring planting. There are excellent programs in our community being offered and Jennifer is looking into those.
- Kathy Melczer provided an update on after school enrichment.
- The Reading Lab needs more volunteers, especially on Tuesday. It is a half hour commitment and all who have participated say it is an incredible experience and so gratifying to help a child with reading.
- The "Glimpse at Urban Art" Art Fair is April 1, 2015.

School Services:

- Christine Rosa reminded all that submissions to the Voice are needed. As a publication, it is being under-utilized. Please submit articles/information already formatted.

Fundraising:

- Volunteers are needed to help take the lead or work on committees
- Stephanie Martin, Fund Raising Director, suggested Recycling ideas.
- E-script is an easy way for ALL Families to raise money
- Stephanie Martin provided an update on the "Party Through the Decades" fundraiser. There are 200 tickets available and parents are encouraged to get their tickets soon. Volunteers are needed to get donations from Lafayette, Walnut Creek, and Pleasant Hill. If you know possible donors please ask. Volunteers are needed in many capacities to have this event a huge success.

New Business

- Per the bylaws, at the April Meeting, the VPFA must form a Nominating Committee to find people to fill open positions. The Nominating Committee must be made up of five people, three from Board members and two from the General Assembly. The proposed committee was presented: Christine Rosa, Olivia Bonham and Veronica Kelly from the Board and Karen Bedinger and Michelle Strand from the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next meeting we be April 15, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the Library Annex.