


Valle Verde PTA Meeting Minutes

Aug 6, 2015

PTA Board Members: President: Vice Pres./Historian: Vice Pres./Safety: Recording Secretary: Treasurer: Parliamentarian: Auditor:	Brandi Klintworth Jeremy Cowell Jennifer Lazzarini Heidi Brown Melanie Kress	
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Attendees:

Bassam Hanna	Jill Walson	
Brandi Klintworth	Julie Rattaro	
Laura Compton	Brian Roberson	
Heidi Brown	Betty Huang	
Alexis Burdick	Kristie Soll	
Mary Zodrow	Melanie Kress	
Jeremy Cowell	Jennifer Lazzarini	

Welcome

Brandi Klintworth

- Meeting called to order at 11:15 am

Approval of April Minutes

Brandi Klintworth

- No changes – minutes stand approved as printed

Financial Report & Presentation of Bills

Bassam Hanna

- Review of last year PL report
- Did better then budget on both income and budget
- Enrichment – Checks are not entered yet so it appears we are making more then we did
- Vote for bills to be paid as presented - Kristie Soll made the motion
 - o Betty Huang 2nd;
 - o Approved unanimously

New Business – Increase in assistant hours

- **Review results of survey**
 - o See attached for results
- **Teacher assistant hours**
 - o Background – Need to determine the help needed. Teachers put together a plan on how to use the extra hours for the assistants and decided they would like an additional 4 hours per assistant; 16 hours total. Budget for this year will need to increase by \$5-10K depending on finalization of last year's spending.
 - o Julie confirmed that they are currently allowed an assistant in each class for 30 mins, 2 times a week. The idea is for the teachers to have them work directly with the kids in small groups, or allow the teacher to work in the small groups.
 - o Concerns from PTA members –

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- Is this increase in spend jeopardizing us helping kids directly to do more activities, such as fieldtrips, in house learning experiences, etc...
- As parents there is some confusion as to what the assistants really are doing during this time, who they are accountable to and why the district isn't covering the cost.
- Recommendation – PTA would like to move forward with the increase in hours, ensure communication is provided to the parents on who and what the assistant will be doing in each class and discuss/compare what other schools are doing to help impact children directly learn in alternate settings (i.e. field trips, outdoors, etc...)
- Motion to Approve - Melanie Kress motioned to reimburse the district for the cost of 4 instructional assistants at .475 FTE (previously approved at .375 FTE). No change to the others previously approved: 1 instructional assistant at .225 FTE, 1 instructional assistant, computer at .35 FTE, and 1 site tech II at .35 FTE.
 - Jill Walson Seconded the motion
 - Motion passes by 12 to 2

Meeting adjourned at 11:50