Happy Valley Parent Club

April 16, 2015 Meeting

Minutes

Attendance

Jennifer Kuechle

SHaena Strubing

Jennifer White

Alice Crumrine

Sarah Demeyer-Guyer

Kyle Frandle

Frederick Schroeder

Michelle McKinney

Heather Wilder

Josh Martin

Annette Olson

7 PM Call to order

**1. Approve March Minutes**

Jen W. Moves to Approve, Sarah D-G seconds

**2. Principal's Report (Michelle)**

We had staff development with other small districts in March. It was a great day to collaborate with peers.

Prop 39 is in the hopper. We will have solar panels, new lights, and other new energy efficiencies. This grant is anticipated to cut $8,000 from our $14,000 electricity bill. As a second phase, we’ll do windows. The total grant is $250,000 over 5 years.

We had six great Board candidates. Kyle: Any one of the candidates would have been very good. The main thing is that they all asked intelligent questions. Common thread of candidates was raising questions about modernizing facility. Susan Verducci was sworn in as new member.

Next year we have 22 Kindergarteners. All in district students with two siblings on inter-district transfer students.

Teacher appreciation event was a big success.

Michelle has been part of a group working on the Gates foundation Grant to get $2 million for Santa Cruz County Schools. All Superintendents have been working on the grant in the last month.

We are opening up the life lab grant position.

Mini mermaids raised $3,000 for the Birchbark Foundation. The race was great. Thanks to all of the coaches and volunteers.

We lost a grant from Santa Cruz County Soccer League; we opened our field to Bill Trimbley who runs a great program.

Yesterday at our Board meeting we had John Leopold come. We are working on a grant to get flashing lights and radar on Branciforte Drive. He also explained what is going on with the FAA and the new flight pattern over Happy Valley.

**3. Finance Update (Everett)**

No report.

**4. Redwood Dinner Report (Alice)**

Host excited for the event. We will build out the chapel to create a band area. Kyle has plywood to donate. 8 x 8. Everything ordered. Great kitchen crew.

Alice has an appointment to have dinner with Deb and her husband to finalize photo-booth. Half the tickets are sold.

Jen W: We need to try to invite people from outside community; let folks know about auction. Heather offers to collect auction items.

Need library tables brought up to the site for event.

Zen is making desserts

We get to serve beer.

**5. Open Discussion**

Alice: What about Mini Mermaids for boys? *General discussion about trying to find an alternative for the boys.* Michelle says teachers can’t do Mini Mermaids next year, because of the time demand on their schedules. Parents will need to run the program.

Arts Alive (Jen W.) Laamie can’t do Arts Alive in Fall. Heather offers to do it, and Alice commits to helping her. Michelle is concerned that some kids attend that don’t want to be there and end up disrupting those that do want to participate. We need to find a way to make parents and students understand that this program

Could we do a running class with Arts Alive? Or another physical course…dance?

Jennifer: We could send home a progress report on students so parents are aware of behavioral issues.

Jen W. recommends that registration etc. all be done online. And suggests that Heather find the artists during the summer.

Engineering Night (Jennifer): Flyers coming out this coming week. Training on the Friday before. Event will be Sunday after pancake breakfast. Already have four committed volunteers.

School Play: Wednesday, June 3 is the school play. Room 1.

Alice: During the play, kids and family get hungry. How about a pizza fundraiser?

Michelle agrees to pizza fundraiser.

Heather: Is there going to be a talent show?

Testing: Sarah D-G: Smarter Balance Testing is beginning. The performance task portion of testing is completed. Michelle: We want our kids to be ready for the next step and be good citizens. We’re not putting any extra pressure on the kids. Focus in on learning how to use the tools on the computer.

Michelle: We have common core funding which all has to be connected to the LCAP and LCFF. Last night our Board approved 30 Chrome books and a cart.

8 PM Adjourn