**Happy Valley Parent Club**

**September 18, 2014 Minutes**

Attendance

Jennifer White

Deb Finfer

Shaena Strubing

Annette Olson

Everett Meisser, Jr.

Yvette C. Monahan

Kate Fisher

Henry Schwab

Carol Witter

Nicole Lostrie

Tiffany Willet

Sarah DeMayer-Guyer

Heather Wilder

Greta Chen

Alison Pepper

Jennifer Kuechle

Alice Crumrine

Susan Verducci

7:00-7:05      Introduction & greetings: meeting called to order.

7:05-7:10      Approval of minutes from June 2014 meeting.

7:10-7:15      Principal's Report (Michelle McKinny)

Great group of kids; we are at capacity. LCFF has been very challenging (the new funding model). Athena Raney on board as computer teacher. She’s been great about revamping everything. Two new aides, both are credentialed teachers. Wonderful new parents. Rm. 1 excited about following direction game (chain reaction). Great team building exercise.

7:15-7:20      Update on website, calendar, commitment sheets (Jen White, Deb Finfer)
Deb: Please email her with any suggestions for website
Jen: Regarding commitment sheets: we have received 90% back with pledges of about $31,000 so far. It takes the fundraising pressure off of events so that they can be more fun. For the remaining 10%, we will send out the request in Thursday folders. Four purposes of sheets: a get contact info, b education, c. financial, d. volunteer. Everett will follow-up on commitment sheets.

7:20-7:30      Arts Alive budget review (Alice Crumrine, Laamsha Young)

Alice: Arts Alive sign-up is full. 49 full price, 7 free and reduced, 4 frees, $9060 …. 7500, profit 1560. FULL. The profit will stay with Arts Alice for expenditures like cameras, incidentals, etc. We can only accommodate 60 students in this program.

7:30-7:40      By-laws (Shaena Strubing)

Shaena will post proposed changes to by-laws online where people can review them. At the January meeting, we will discuss the changes and then vote. Jennifer K. Wants to make sure that whatever changes are proposed are legal changes.

7:40-7:50      BBQ update & call for volunteers & big ticket donations (Finfer / White)

Deb: Oct. 4 is Legacy BBQ, Oct 5 is our event from 11-3 PM. Rooms are not responsible for specific areas or events. No games on the black top. Doing old-school picnic style games. Prizes will be raffle tickets instead of prizes. Sodas going away, just water and lemonade which are included in the food price. Nicole is food manager. We will have laser tag which is $400 for two hours and a skateboarding demo courtesy of the Strubings.

Alice brought some waste-free picnic ware options for folks that don’t bring stuff from home. Ikea is most affordable for picnic stuff. $20 for a family six. Costs us around $10. |

Kate: What about catering company deliver dishes? You don’t have to clean to return. Charge rental fee. Festive Affair is a good company. Kate will ask. Maybe they can donate them.

Deb: We are in desperate need of pre-BBQ help. We have lots of gift certificates, and we don’t have a lot of physical items. We don’t have parties or vacation homes. We need high-end restaurant gift certificates. We also need kids auction items.

Kate: What about a garage sale fundraiser? Deb: We are going to do a book sale probably sometime in November.

Greta: Has developed a new t-shirt for the school to be sold at the BBQ. 1 shirt for $15, 2 for $25. She is pre-ordering 200 shirts.

Alice: Could kids make and sell stuff at the BBQ if they gave a percentage to the event? Jen: Confusing for folks. Too chaotic.

Henry: Has concerns about the logistics of the laser game, e.g. how will sign-ups happen/tickets/ timing? Is two hours long enough?

Jen K. Are there gift cards for the kids raffle in case she needs to purchase a big item?

7:50-8:00      Open discussion
George Purnell: Background on legacy project: Two years of work to collect historical information etc. It’s time to bring it to close. 196 people are signed up online. George expects 250 to 300 people. Keynote draw is Gordon Shepherd (who was a 4th grade teacher/superintendent/principal). Other notables will be there as well.

Jen: Explain why we are doing this, i.e. what is this is for?

George: Has been aware of how difficult it is to raise so much money each year. He wants to expand our alumni reach; with 300 people at the Legacy BBQ, we then have 300 more people that we can reach out to. The goal is to grow the endowment. Our Goal is to get over $1 million. If we had $4 million, we could make $160,000 payout per year, so no fundraising needed. We’ll ask for donations at the event.

Jen: One goal is to get some of the Legacy BBQ attendees to come to our event.

George: There are 10 individuals who have made big contributions to the school. 10 are being acknowledged as Heroes of Happy Valley. At 11 AM we will meet (Sunday) for a ceremony to acknowledge them.

Adjourn 8:00 PM

Submitted by Annette Olson