



Parent Partnership Committee Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2017

Attendance: 32 parents, 6 VCS staff members, 2 VCS Board members

Opening Prayer:

Faith Shipley, VCS Director of Marketing, opened the meeting in prayer.

Parent Partnership Chairs:

Paul Harrell, VCS Head of School, introduced the Parent Partnership Committee Chairs, as follows:

Elementary – Cynthia Martinez (absent)

MS/HS – Michelle Aas

Athletics – Danny Jackson

Conservatory – Rachel Jesinger

EE – open position

HIS Club – open position

Fundraising – open position

Prayer- Lori Gorton

These Chair positions will serve as a liaison between their respective departments and the Parent Partnership Committee.

Parent Participation Survey Results:

Faith Shipley went over a summary of the results from the parent participation survey that was sent out in May 2017. A copy of the survey is attached.

The majority of the responses were received from elementary parents. The main interests were in the following areas: assisting in the office, library, carpool, classrooms, events and speaking to students about their career.

Parent Feedback on Survey:

- Better communication. Not only use Constant Contact and email as only source of getting information to parents. Utilize word of mouth by being active at events.
- Send out survey to find our best form of communication for our parents.

General Campus Information:

Paul Harrell spoke about the removal of the 4'x4' cross that was located at the front of the campus. The cross was removed because it was in poor condition. A plan is already in place to install a 6'x6' cross made of stronger material.

Paul Harrell informed everyone that he will be sending out a weekly all school devotion on Sunday nights. The weekly email will also include all school updates/information.

Parent Feedback for Mr. Harrell:

- Chapel schedule change - Request that an explanation be sent out to parents about changes in a timely manner.
- Implement a devotional time for non-chapel Tuesdays.
- Website needs updating.
- Better communication for students who are in PE or middle school students on a high school schedule during their homeroom class.
- Develop prayer team for parents/staff to pray over school.
- Request to move Parent Partnership meeting to Tues. or Wed
- Boost school spirit through all school pep rallies
- High school students have shown interest in coming up with Friday night activities. Parents suggested the possibility of VCJF games.
- Parents were concerned about the safety of athletes parked in the FBC parking lot. Mr. Gomez mentioned that athletes are escorted to the FBC parking lot after late games, during the evening hours.

VCS Boosters:

Michael Gomez, VCS Athletic Director, and Danny Jackson, Athletic Chair, spoke about starting up the Boosters program. The purpose of this program is to improve school spirit and build a sense of community.

- Plan BBQs and get together for all families.
- Encourage families to attend all sporting events.
- Allow all sports to benefit from snack shack.

Booster Officer positions will need to be filled once the By-Laws have been approved. Information on the Boosters program will be located on the Athletics page of the VCS website.

Parent Feedback on Boosters Program:

- Move Middle School games from the MP to the gym.
- Use ticket booth in gym.

HIS Club:

George Allen, VCS Director of Operations, spoke about returning the HIS Club program. This program will utilize parent involvement to assist with projects to improve the campus.

By the end of September 2017, Mr. Allen will compile a list of projects that need to be completed on campus. The projects will be completed on weekends and during holiday breaks when the campus is closed.

Mr. Allen also gave an update on the VCS bus. This year, the use of the school bus will be determined by the number of players/students being transported. Teams/classes not using the bus will be notified in a timely manner to allow time to organize a carpool.

Parent Feedback on HIS Club:

- Offer projects that students can get involved in.
- Offer projects that need to be done during school hours so students can see parents getting involved.

Scott Jacobs, VCS Chairman of the Board:

- He is happy to see the start up of the Parent Partnership and how the committee will be the grass roots communication to spread the good news about VCS and be a conduit to attract new families for enrollment.
- Word of mouth from our parents is the biggest influence to improve enrollment and he would like to see the Parent Partnership Committee assist with this.

General Parent Feedback:

Parents liked the new “ONE” shirt that staff members wear on Thursday to promote the unity of VCS as One Family. Additional shirts will be ordered and the ONE shirt will be available for parents to purchase in the student store at the high school. More information will be given at the next meeting.

Next Parent Partnership Committee Meeting – Thurs., Sept. 7th @ 8:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.