



Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017

Attendance: 28 parents, 6 VCS staff members, 2 VCS Board members

Opening Prayer:

Wyatt Duncan, Lead Pastor at First Baptist Church, opened the meeting in prayer.

PPC Chairs:

Paul Harrell, VCS Head of School, acknowledged the Executive Parent Partnership Committee Meeting members:

Elementary – Cynthia Martinez (absent)

MS/HS – Michelle Aas

Boosters – Danny Jackson

Conservatory – Rachel Jesinger (absent)

Prayer- Lori Gorton

Irma Alvarado – Parent volunteer

Colleen Bradeson – Parent volunteer

Bridgette Grabowski – Parent volunteer

Sara Grafals – Parent volunteer (absent)

Sara Jones – Parent volunteer (absent)

EE – open position

HIS Club – open position

Fundraising – open position

Paul Harrell reminded parents that we have 3 Chair positions open – Early Education, HIS Club and Fundraising.

Upcoming Communication Survey:

Faith Shipley, VCS Director of Marketing, spoke about the upcoming communication survey that will be going out Sunday night in Mr. Harrell's weekly devotion.

PPC Webpage:

Faith Shipley, VCS Director of Marketing, spoke about the new PPC webpage on the VCS website. You can find the page under the Parent links at the bottom of the VCS home page. The PPC webpage consists of information on the purpose of the committee, Executive Committee members, meeting dates, meeting minutes and contact information for Mr. Harrell.

Upcoming PPC Meeting Dates

The PPC meetings will be moved to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, starting on September 20th.

The PPC Executive Committee will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, starting on September 18th.

Friday Night Activities Update:

Paul Harrell, VCS Head of School, informed everyone that he has met with the Student Life Committee (VCHS students) about Friday night activities. The students were excited about having a role in planning the Friday night activities. Mr. Rowland and the VCHS Student Council will discuss possible Friday night activities with the VCHS students during retreat next week and come up with ideas for Friday nights, including Homecoming.

Danny Jackson, PPC Boosters Chair, mentioned that VCJF would be willing to play their older team (Midgets) for Homecoming night. Mr. Harrell mentioned that this suggestion will be forwarded to Mr. Rowland for review.

VCS Bus Update:

Paul Harrell, VCS Head of School, and George Allen, VCS Director of Operations, spoke about the use of the VCS bus this year. The VCS bus will be available this year and used in a budgetary way. The use of the bus will be a departmental expense and determined by several factors, (i.e., distance, number of students/players, funding). The cost of the bus is \$18/hour and \$.50/mile, with an additional hour on both ends of the trip for bus prep and bus clean up.

Feedback on Bus Usage:

- Provide one-way service – the bus is full on the way to games, and usually comes back relatively empty as parents enjoy attending the games and want to drive their children home.
- Look into coaches getting their bus license
- Look into retired bus driver/grandparent who would like to volunteer their time to drive the bus.

HIS Club Update:

George Allen, VCS Director of Operations, spoke about the coordination of the HIS Club program. He is currently looking for a HIS Club coordinator to assist him in organizing and implementing campus improvement projects. The HIS Club coordinator will assist in organizing teams, based on needed skill set for the job, and purchasing or obtaining donation of items for the projects. A complete job description for the HIS Club coordinator will be available the week of Sept. 11th.

The VCS cross that was recently taken down due to deterioration is one of the first HIS Club projects to be completed. Mr. Allen asked for anyone willing to donate the material or approach Meek's Lumber for a donation and also assist with construction and installation to please contact him.

Upcoming VCJF Fundraiser:

Jenn Rafael, VCES parent, spoke about the upcoming fundraiser on September 30th, 2017 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. for VCS middle school student, Kyra Williams. Kyra was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. The purpose of the fundraiser is to benefit Kyra's family and to bring awareness to pediatric cancer. VCJF will be playing 3 football games on this date.

Feedback on VCJF Fundraiser

- Parents want VCS departments to unite and attend to show their school spirit.
- Parents want to encourage everyone to wear yellow in support of pediatric cancer awareness.
- Prayer boxes are located in the Elementary and Middle Schools offices for students or parents who want to drop off encouraging notes or letters for Kyra.

Scott Jacobs, VCS Chairman of the Board:

Mr. Jacobs thanked everyone for coming and sharing. He encouraged everyone in noting that all parents are instrumental in making VCS better. He asked all in attendance to bring 2 parents with them to the next PPC meeting.

General Campus Information:

Debbie Huntley, VCS Head of School Asst., informed everyone that the new "ONE" shirt that staff members wear on Thursday to promote the unity of VCS as One Family, is available for purchase in the student store at the high school.

Upcoming event at VCS is Pastor Appreciation is Tues., Oct. 3rd from 9:00-11:00 am.

Open Floor Items:

A parent asked how VCS is working to ensure VCS Administration and Staff are properly trained for instances of racial harassment/bullying among student, and what the policy is for speaking to Administration when handling such instances.

Response:

- Paul Harrell, VCS Head of School is currently working with an outside investigator and trainer to review policy and train VCS administration and staff on how to handle all types harassment/bullying.

Feedback on Student Harassment/Bullying

- Parents asked if a specific chapel or assembly can be held to help educate the children on things that are considered harassment/bullying.
- Parents asked if VCS can also provide information to parents that mirrors what the VCS administration and staff will be learning.
- Parents encouraged each other to use the Matthew 18 Principle; to first go to the person you have a concern or conflict with to resolve. If you are unable to come to a resolution, then go to the next person in the chain of command to also meet with you and the other party. Many parents shared their own personal experiences with using this principle to resolve concerns and conflict.

Next Parent Partnership Committee Meeting – Wed., Sept. 20th @ 8:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.