



Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2017

Attendance: 22 parents, 5 VCS staff members

Opening Prayer:

Lori Gorton, VCS PPC Prayer Chairperson, opened the meeting in prayer.

Follow Up Items:

*Communication Survey* - Paul Harrell, VCS Head of School, spoke about the communication survey. A survey reminder and link were sent out again with the PPC Agenda email. The survey will remain open and results will be available at the next PPC meeting.

*Friday Night Lights* - Mr. Harrell also spoke about the Friday Night lights activities for the High School. He has spoken to Joseph Rowland, VCMS/VCHS Principal, and the first Friday Night lights event is scheduled for Fri., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. The VCHS students will be voting about the activities for homecoming on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, with YTF as an option.

Michelle Aas, PPC MS/HS Chairperson, has a meeting with Mr. Rowland on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the upcoming activities.

*HIS Club* – Mr. Harrell introduced George Allen, VCS Director of Operations, to speak about HIS Club. There are two HIS Club projects that have been started – dragging the sports complex and completing the 6'x 6' cross (The lumber has been ordered (2-3 weeks for delivery) and a builder has been selected). Mr. Allen is still looking for a HIS Club Chairperson to assist him with organizing and delegating work crews to complete on campus projects.

*Kyra Williams Fundraiser* – Brenda Vincent, VCS parent, informed everyone that yellow ribbons were distributed last Friday with a flyer to all elementary students. Yellow ribbons will be dropped off at VCMS and VCHS today for students. Many raffle items have been donated for the event on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. They are working on having yellow “Team Kyra” wristbands to be available at the event. Parents are also working with “Love your Melon” and “Make a Wish” for a special donation for Kyra.

Kyra was able to attend 1 day of MS retreat at Koinonia last week. The status of her tumor remains the same.

*Racial Harassment/Bullying Training* – Mr. Harrell advised everyone that Jody Shipper, specialist in racial reconciliation and bullying education, will be meeting the VCS leadership team on Thurs., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be a first step in understanding and training for the leadership team, which will allow them to train their faculty and staff. A comment was made that Mr. Wayne Powell, VCMS Bible teacher, did a fabulous job at chapel on Tuesday.

Mr. Harrell advised that the first staff quarterly ONE meeting is scheduled for Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This program is a 4-part biblically based series on racial reconciliation, written by two pastors from Victory World Church in Georgia.

#### Open Floor Items:

Bridgette Grabowski, PPC Parent Member, expressed a concern about communication for Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Light events and how it will be communicated to parents. She also asked about frequency of weekly/bi-weekly eBulletins from principals.

Faith Shipley, VCS Director of Marketing, informed everyone that the VCS website has undergone re-programming and has had a few glitches. The ETA on the website to be fully up and running is Fri., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new format of the website will help streamline information with the assistance of direct links.

Revi LeBatique, VCS Parent, expressed a concern about the HS campus closure for All Staff Meetings. Mr. Harrell agreed to speak to Mr. Rowland and look into alternative options for HS coverage during All Staff Meetings.

Parents also asked about the camera and monitor for the senior lounge. Mr. Allen advised that the project is in process.

Parent expressed their concern over student supervision during the time frame when school ends and sports practices begin. Parents asked about volunteers to help cover “study hall” for student athletes. Mr. Allen shared about the legality of parent volunteers (i.e., background check/fingerprints) and the need to protect our students. Mr. Allen will speak to the Athletic Director about supervision for high school students who need to attend late sports practices.

Dorace Lynch, VCS Elementary Principal, spoke about an upcoming visit with 12 high school seniors from Grace Christian School in Anchorage, Alaska. These students will conduct a STEM demonstration for all 4 schools (EE, Elem, MS and HS). The students are scheduled to arrive on Sun., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and return on Thurs. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be on campus Nov. 6-8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in hosting one of the visiting students in your home, please contact Dorace Lynch at [dorace.lynch@go-vcs.com](mailto:dorace.lynch@go-vcs.com).

Bridgette Grabowski asked about the status of the Student Life Committee. Mr. Harrell shared that there has been one SLC meeting this year. During the last meeting, the topic of discussion were the activities for Friday Night Lights. Mr. Harrell also shared that the direction of the SLC is to focus this group more through Student Council.

**Next Parent Partnership Committee Meeting – Wed., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.**