



Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2017

Attendance: 13 parents, 4 VCS staff members

Opening Prayer:

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

Follow Up Items:

*HIS Club* – George Allen, VCS Director of Operations, provided an update on HIS Club. The cross is up at the front of the VCS campus. The next project is painting the high school parking lot. The HIS club team is in need of stencils, spray machine, paint and at least 5 volunteers. Mr. Allen is planning to send out a weekly HIS club notice of all upcoming projects and planning to create shirts for HIS club members.

Mr. Harrell asked for a volunteer to take all of the donations for the fire victims to Mission Solano on Friday. Colleen Bradeson volunteered for this assignment.

*Alaska Students for STEM Demonstration*

Mr. Harrell reminded parents that we are still in need of host families for the 12 high school seniors who will be visiting from Grace Christian School in Anchorage, Alaska. The 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).

Sports Update:

Michael Gomez, VCS Athletic Director, informed parents that the “Blue Out” at the volleyball game was a success. The players felt very supported.

Parents asked about the Athletic Advisory Committee and wanted more information on the formation of this committee. Mr. Harrell shared that the Athletic Committee consists of the following individuals: Paul Harrell, George Allen, Michael Gomez, Danny Jackson (PPC Athletic Chair), Bejan Pazdel, D.C. (VCS Board Member) and Michael

Alexander (VCS Board Member). This committee is a Board run committee and their purpose is to focus on athletics, provide consistent direction from VCS and start the Boosters club. This committee is not permanent as their goal is to super charge the athletic program, along with the football program and create a robust Booster Club.

PPC Parent Bridgette Grabowski asked if VCS could send out a query and ask what is the parent expectation and how we can get parents involved.

Mrs. Grabowski asked about the cheerleading program. Mr. Gomez explained that VCS is still looking for a cheerleading coach and has received some potential candidates. Cheerleading coaches are required to do more extensive CIF training. The offer was made by PPC Booster Chair, Danny Jackson, that VCJF provide their cheerleaders for upcoming spirit events, including homecoming. Mr. Gomez will contact VCJF to reach out about this.

Friday Night Lights was a successful event. Mr. Gomez is sending out a weekly Athletics email every Friday. He is possibly moving the weekly notice to Monday or Tuesday. Parents asked how VCS can reach out to students to get them more involved. They asked if events can be posted in one location in each department for students to get information on upcoming events. Parents suggested a posting area in the MP as all departments use this facility on a daily basis. Mr. Harrell will attend the next Student Council meeting to discuss communication options.

Parents asked if sporting events can be posted on the website for ease of information to our parents and prospective parents. Parents mentioned that the Power School app has very useful information and asked if the game schedule can also be added.

### Open Floor

Parents asked about Friday Night Lights and felt that middle school was not included in this event. Mr. Harrell will attend the next Student Council meeting and address this concern.

Parents asked about the daily announcements. The announcements are coming through the phone only, and not loud speaker. George Allen said that he will address this issue at his next weekly IT meeting on Thursday.

Parents were concerned that students in PE during homeroom are not getting the daily announcements. It was mentioned that the PE teachers have the announcement available prior to homeroom and are providing the information to students. Mr. Harrell will follow up with Mr. Rowland.

PPC Parent expressed a concern that she saw students sitting by themselves at sporting events. She felt that there is a disconnect among students and that there is a need to bring students together. Mrs. Grabowski mentioned bringing back the "Falcon Nest" as a place for fans to sit during sport events.

Mrs. Grabowski mentioned that root beer floats will be provided at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Falcon Field and then students will decorate for homecoming.

PPC Booster Chair, Danny Jackson gave an update on the Booster Club. He will get in touch with parents who have expressed an interest in the Booster Club. PPC Parent, Irma Alvarado, asked if Boosters has any ideas yet for projects. Mr. Jackson explained that he is getting ready to start forming committees. The purpose for Boosters is to instill a sense of community and make sure that all teams are interacting.

PPC Parent asked about the girls soccer team. Mr. Gomez informed parents that Ignacio Villasenor will be coaching both the boys and girls teams. His daughter-in-law and VCS employee, Mia Machuca, will be assisting him with the girls team. Training will start on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

It was announced that VCJF has upcoming games in Dixon on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10, 12 and 2:00 p.m.

Parents were concerned about the inconsistency of inputting assignments and grades in Power School. Mr. Harrell stated that he would follow up with Mr. Rowland to ensure standards are being kept.

PPC Parent asked about the "Chain of Command" and why the Athletic Director falls under the leadership of the Director of Operations, and not the High School Principal. Mr. Harrell explained that the Athletic Director is a K-12 athletic director and does not fall under one department. In years past, the athletic director reported to the Head of School, but the VCS Board decreased the number of people who report directly to the Head of School. The AD reports primarily to the Director of Operations, but also works

closely with the Head of School. This allows the AD to develop coaches and teams at all levels (elementary, middle school and high school).

PPC Parent asked about the community outreach program for varsity sports. The purpose of this program was to build team unity. Mr. Gomez explained that the varsity sports are working with the elementary and middle school teams, Habit for Humanity and The Leaven. Mr. Gomez took ownership in needing to follow through with the coaches to ensure this program continues at the varsity level. It was pointed out that there are written instructions for community involvement.

PPC MS/HS Parent Chair, Michelle Aas, shared that the Middle School ice cream social was a success. Homecoming is all set for the high school. Mrs. Aas expressed that she needs assistance in organizing parent events and would like to see more of a parent presence on campus. She plans to send out an email to parents to find out who would be interested in getting more involved in on campus events.

PPC Prayer Chair, Lori Gorton, shared that the PPC Prayer Group meetings every other Thursday or Friday at the cross at the high school. She will have more information sent out in the weekly eBulletins.

**Next Parent Partnership Committee Meeting – Wed., Nov 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.**