



Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2017

Attendance: 14 parents, 6 VCS staff members

Opening Prayer:

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

Follow Up Items:

*Communication Survey* – Faith Shipley, VCS Director of Marketing, spoke about the communication survey. 10% of parents responded to the survey. The survey shows that parents want to hear from the school on a weekly/bi-weekly basis. Results show that 100% of our parents prefer email as the mode of communication, 70% of parents like Facebook and 30% like Instagram.

*Friday Night Lights* - Mr. Harrell gave us a status on the Friday Night lights activities for the High School. The first Friday Night Lights is Fri., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. The events of the evening will be led by StuCo.

*Homecoming* – Michael Gomez, VCS Athletic Director, informed us that the volleyball game against Encina has been moved to Homecoming night, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The homecoming festivities will take place after the game.

*HIS Club* – George Allen, VCS Director of Operations, provided an update on HIS Club. He has 3 new executive team members: Gary & Dena Danner and Janet Mertz. Mr. Allen will be providing a list of jobs around the campus and the executive team will assist with coordinating volunteers and/or donations. VCMS and VCHS students can receive HIS Club hours for working on these projects.

*Racial Harassment/Bullying Training* – Paul Harrell advised the VCS staff had their first ONE meeting on Tues., Oct. 3rd. The ONE program is a 4-part biblically based series on racial reconciliation, written by two pastors from Victory World Church in Georgia. He has received good feedback from staff.

*Kyra Williams Fundraiser* – Paul Harrell gave an update on the fundraiser for Kyra Williams. Approximately \$6,800 was raised for Williams Family. He informed everyone that the Go Fund Me page is still active. Please continue to pray for Kyra and her family as Kyra begins radiation therapy.

#### Middle School Safety Incident:

On Sept. 27th, VCS middle schools reported to administration that they overheard another VCS middle school student say that this person would bring a weapon to school the next day. The middle school student was quickly isolated as the locker and backpack were searched for any weapons. The students who came forward are commended for coming in and reporting what they heard.

#### Sports Update:

Michael Gomez, VCS Athletic Director, gave us an update about the use of the school bus. Athletics pays for the use of the bus - roughly \$200 per trip for maintenance, driver and gas. Currently, there are 15 bus trips scheduled for the month of October for volleyball and cross-country. He is looking at the bus use for winter sports with 8-9 teams needing the use of the bus.

Parents suggested getting a smaller 15 passenger van. George Allen reported there is an insurance issue with a 15 passenger van, but has been looking into the option of 12 passenger vans which can be driven by coaches.

Parents also asked about the bus providing one-way service and parents transporting students back. Mr. Gomez was stated that the bus provides guaranteed travel to and from the game.

The baseball dugout fencing was taken down last year. The intent is to move out the fencing 5-8 feet and install a railing with benches. There is not enough funding to finish this project. Parents are concerned over player safety without the fencing.

Mr. Gomez informed us that Shannon Bubar, VCHS Track Coach, provides after school workouts from 3:00-4:15 in the weight room. Students are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Gomez announced the forming of a new Athletic Committee which consists of the following individuals: Paul Harrell, George Allen, Michael Gomez, Danny Jackson (PPC

Athletic Chair) and Bejan Pazdel, D.C. (VCS Board Member). The purpose of this committee is to provide consistent direction from VCS. This committee will provide all upcoming sports information and long term decisions. Athletics would like to schedule an all parent sports meeting to include high school, middle school and elementary so that younger families will know what to expect as their students grows through the program. After the all department meeting, each team will break off into a team meeting with their coach.

Parents want to hear more about the direction of their sport. Concerned about disconnect between schools. Parents would like to see more sports information on the school website. Parents of younger VCS students want to see VCS middle school and high school students come watch the younger students play.

#### College Workshop – Thrivent Financial

Parents who attended the college workshop on Tues., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> gave great feedback about the workshop and encourage families to attend the next workshop on Tues., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.

#### Boosters Club

Michael Gomez, VCS Athletic Director, announced the start up of the VCS Booster Club. VCS Boosters is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please contact Mr. Gomez [michael.gomez@go-vcs.com](mailto:michael.gomez@go-vcs.com) for more information.

#### Open Floor

Parents want to unify all VCS and want to see more consistent communication between each department. Parents feel that Facebook is helping, but more marketing to educate parents about what we have offer at VCS. The value of VCS is not expressed well.

**Next Parent Partnership Committee Meeting – Wed., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.**