



Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017

Attendance: 15 parents, 5 VCS staff members

Opening Prayer:

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

Follow Up Items:

Alaska STEM Student Visit

Dorace Lynch, VCES Principal, reported that the students from Grace Christian School in Anchorage, Alaska enjoyed their visit at VCS. The students worked hard on their presentations.

PPC parents shared that they would like to see a STEM club at the MS/HS level.

HIS Club Update:

Dena Danner, PPC HIS Club Representative, provided an update on upcoming HIS Club projects. This weekend the HIS Club will be painting the HS parking lot. HIS Club is also looking for volunteers to “adopt an island” in the Middle School parking lot. This involves the planting of flowers/plant and the upkeep of the area. Mrs. Danner has sent out emails to VCS families with a Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for all upcoming projects. If you want more information on upcoming HIS Club projects, or did not receive the Sign-Up emails, please contact Dena Danner at dena@dannertrio.net.

Booster Club Update:

Danny Jackson, PPC Athletics Representative/VCS Booster Club President, shared that the VCS Boosters Club is looking to fill 2 officer positions: Secretary and Event Coordinator. Mr. Jackson shared that the vision for the VCS Boosters Club is to bring a sense of community back to VCS through athletics. Mr. Jackson shared that his priority is to be transparent with all funds received through the Booster Club and how they are used to supplement the athletic programs at VCS.

There is a “kick off” VCS Booster Club meeting scheduled for Mon., Dec. 4th @ 6:30 p.m. in CRC (Room 202) at the VCS High School. All current and past VCS families are

encouraged to attend. For more information about the VCS Booster Club, please contact Danny Jackson at brasstapdanny@gmail.com.

Athletics Update:

Michael Gomez, VCS Athletic Director, is still looking into adding MS/HS student email addresses and K-12 parents to the email list for the weekly Athletic newsletter.

Mr. Gomez informed parents that an email went out on Wednesday informing parents that VCS is currently offering a free study hall for MS/HS students. Study hall is offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday 2:00-4:00 p.m. in M6. This study hall is only for students who are currently enrolled in a winter sport. This is not extended care, students will be required to do homework while in study hall.

Mr. Gomez explained that the \$60 yearly fee for strength and conditioning will be incorporated into the athletic fee next year. This service will provide VCS athletes with training both in season, and in the off season. Currently, strength and conditioning is available to VCS athletes Monday – Thursday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the weight room with Shannon Bubar, VCS Strength & Conditioning coach.

Mr. Gomez shared that he recently interviewed a cheerleading coach and the main concern is availability for practice time. A VCS parent is willing to assist when coach is not available.

A PPC parent asked if sports updates/games can be posted in Power School. Mr. Gomez said he would look into it, but encouraged parents to use the school calendar (Resource Scheduler) for the most current and up to date information on all sporting games and campus events.

The website update was postponed until the next meeting.

New Agenda Item:

8th Grade Shadow Day

Paul Harrell shared that over 30 families showed up at the 8th grade parent meeting last night.

PPC parents enjoyed the event and praised Maylene Ripley for a job well done.

PPC parents asked about the ratio of exchange students in the MS/HS. Mr. Harrell explained that VCS does not exceed 10% in the MS/HS collectively from a country speaking one specific language.

It Matters Annual Fund Campaign

Paul Harrell shared that “It Matters” is a new annual fund campaign providing needed funds for the 2017-18 budget. These funds will provide for operating costs, including faculty/staff salary and benefits.

An “It Matters” parent meeting has been scheduled for Wed., Nov. 29th @ 8:00 a.m. in the FBC Conference Room and 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

PPC parents requested that recruitment/retention be placed on the agenda for the next PPC. Parents want to know how they can help.

Next Parent Partnership Committee Meeting – Wed., Dec. 6th @ 8:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.