



Parent Partnership Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2017

Attendance: 21 parents, 7 VCS staff members, 3 VCS board members

Opening Prayer:

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

Meeting Facilitator:

Dr. Bejan Pazdel, VCS Board Vice-Chairman & VCS parent, introduced himself. Dr. Pazdel commenced the meeting with two follow up items.

Follow Up Items:

8th Grade Shadow Day

Maylene Ripley, VCS Director of Enrollment, shared that each 8th grader was given a customized passport with a schedule for the day. Approximately 30 families attended the evening parent meeting. The follow up is to continue to build on the excitement and establish relationships based on student's passions (i.e., sports, art, clubs, etc.) The next step is to use a similar model for our 5th to 6th grade retention and also Kindergarten Readiness to Kindergarten retention.

It Matters Annual Fund Campaign

Dr. Pazdel shared that the VCS board has decided to look into this further before moving forward. "It Matters" will be addressed at the January 17, 2018 meeting.

HIS Club Update:

Dena Danner, PPC HIS Club Representative, provided an update on upcoming HIS Club projects. Dena shared that with the work of 6 volunteers, they were able to complete the painting of the lines at the HS parking lot. HIS Club is still actively looking for volunteers to "adopt an island" in the Middle School parking lot.

George Allen, VCS Director of Operations, shared that VCS is looking into the early phase of improving the ECE playground.

Sign-ups for HIS Club opportunities is available through Sign-Up Genius. 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.

Athletics Update:

Michael Gomez, VCS Athletic Director, shared that soccer and basketball are in full swing. The first game for middle school basketball is Thurs., Dec. 7th. This week is a big week for sports with VCS playing many local teams.

Mike Gomez shared a little information about the Booster Club parent meeting which took place on Mon., Dec. 4th. The Booster Club will be running the snack shack at all home games for middle school and high school. A Sign-Up Genius link will be sent out to all VCS families to volunteer in the snack shack. This will give all parents the opportunity to earn service hours, meet other parents and support our athletes.

Mike Gomez announced that the annual basketball Christmas Classic is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 21 thru Sat., 23, 2017 at VCS. VCS is also hosting the first annual VCS Soccer tournament on Sat., Dec. 16, 2017 with the men playing at 9:00 a.m. and ladies playing at 2:00 p.m.

Updated sports schedules are posted once a week to the VCS website.

Parent Feedback –

Parents suggested that all VCS games and events be announced on the VCS radio & also KUIC;

Training parents how to use the scoreboard and sound system at sports complex for soccer games;

Buddy up high school athletes with elementary athletes of the same sport, which would encourage elementary families to attend games so their children can watch their buddies play (similar to the elementary “55” buddy program).

Booster Club Update:

Michelle Aas, VCS Booster Club Treasurer and Darelyn Pazdel, VCS Booster Club Secretary shared that the Booster Club is planning to add the following 4 committees: Banquet Committee, Snack Shack, Special Events and Fundraising.

Booster Club is working on providing a sports board on all 3 campuses with information and pictures for all sports teams.

Booster Club will keep an accounting of all money earned. Booster Club money will assist with the athletic costs – transportation, uniforms, etc.

The next meeting will take place in January, 2018 with the exact date TBD.

Website Update:

Faith Shipley, VCS Director of Marketing, shared that the website programming is almost complete and she is in the process of updating the information on the VCS website.

If you notice that any links are broken or problems within the website, please contact Faith Shipley at faith.shipley@go-vcs.com.

Enrollment/Retention Update:

Maylene Ripley, VCS Director of Enrollment, shared that there are 3 upcoming enrollment dates: January 8th – Re-enrollment for current families begins and International enrollment begins; February 8th – registration open to public.

Enrollment information will also be available on the VCS website

Crab Feed Update:

Debbie Huntley, VCS Crab Feed Coordinator, shared that the VCS Crab Feed is scheduled for Sat., February 24, 2018. Tickets are on sale now. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or becoming a sponsor, contact Debbie Huntley at debbie.huntley@go-vcs.com.

Open Items:

Lori Gorton, VCS PPC Prayer Chairperson, shared that the PPC prayer team will meet Friday, December 15th @ 8:00 am. The PPC Prayer team regularly meets every other Thursday and Friday @ 8:00 a.m. to pray for VCS. The prayer team meets at the cross, located at the back of the high school. All families are encouraged to attend.

Next Parent Partnership Committee Meeting – Wed., Jan. 17, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Conference Room.