

VIENNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time and Location: Monday, October 22nd, 2018, 7PM, School Cafeteria

Meeting called to order by: President Rehana Parsons at 7:04PM

Attendance: Angelina Mai, Chris Wood, Leslie Wood, Angela Sorrell, Dagon Yuan, Peggy Morrison, Michelle Small, Jamie Teufel, Steven Youssef, Alysia Thompson, Shannon Bransfield, John Carmichael, Rehana Parsons, Anne Hayes, Reshma Patel, Moira Jacobsen, There were 16 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. 1 guest (Sarah Erdman) was in attendance.

I. President's Report given by Rehana Parsons

- Motion by Rehana Parsons: Move to approve and adopt the PTA meeting minutes September 17th, 2018. The motion was seconded and adopted.
- Dining for Dollar events were well attended. \$578 raised from Rita's and Social Burger. Next event is at Panera on 11/14.
- October No Fuss Fundraiser Campaign reached 81%. Goal is to end the fundraiser by the end of October. The money goes towards all the events at the school. The last Viking Voice explained how funds are spent.
- Anyone that is involved with PTA, there are fliers available on the PTA website on how to use the facilities and get reimbursed.
- VES is striving to go paperless. Please check VV and News You Choose from FCPS. General meeting minutes, Steve Yousef motion to approve minutes.

II. Principal's Report given by John Carmichael

- Key dates: No school Mon & Tues November 5th and 6th. Veterans Day Assembly for students and staff on Fri November 9th. Thanksgiving Luncheon Thurs November 15th. Thanksgiving Break Wed November 21st – Fri 23rd. Inclusion week, Book Fair, Family Dance/ Teacher Raffle all the week of Mon Dec 3rd -Fri 7th. Family Book Fair event in the library Wed December 5th. Family Dance Fri Dec 7th. Early release Fri Dec 14th 12:30pm and no pre-school. Winter break December 24th- Jan 4th.
- A follow up reminder, the school will stop sending home paper Wednesday folders each week. Instead, parents will receive PTA information via Wednesday "News you Choose" emails. PTA events will be announced and accessible on the events tab of the News You Choose. Non-PTA school events will be sent out via "News you Choose" emails on Fridays. However, the school will still send out paper Wednesday Folders on the first Wednesday of every month. Occasionally, the school may schedule an impromptu Wednesday folder distribution to announce special events.

III. Treasurer's Report given by Reshma Patel

- Alysia Thompson presented information on the audit. Motion by Rehana Parsons: move to approve the audit report dated 7/1/17 – 6/30/18. The motion was seconded and adopted.
- No Fuss Fall Fundraiser goal is \$14,000. We are well on our way to reaching that goal!
- Summarized budget and future PTA commitments.

IV. Staff report given by Ms. Condley

- Staff appreciates the classroom funding the PTA provided to each teacher. The Special Persons day was very successful, with over 250 people in attendance.

VI. Committee Chair reports

5K Race Report given by Peggy Morrison and Michelle Small

- Invited parents to support the race by joining the fundraising committee.

Student Directory Report – Angela Sorrell

- Coming soon is the school directory! The online and paper versions are available. Teacher names, class names, emails, and addresses of enrolled students, Parents can now access A to Z directory online.

Staff Appreciation Committee – Moira Jacobsen

- Alyssa Lehman and Kim Bryant provided Doughnuts and Coffee to the staff. Next events: Stock the fridge for teachers and staff, Thanksgiving Pies, Souper Staff luncheon, and Holiday Cookie exchange.

Dining for Dollars – Rehana Parsons

- The PTA is looking for someone to shadow Alison French and Regan Morgan this year for the 2019-20 school year.

VES Community Garden Report given by Steve Youssef

- Invited parents to join for the VES Garden work party right after Walking Wednesdays.

VII. Guest Speaker Sarah Erdman, Beyond the Dinosaur Hall

- Museums- how would you describe a museum?
 - “A place to go to learn, they are big, a collection of knowledge.” Parents find attending with young children overwhelming.
 - Most children have a 1 hour of attention span. Sarah likes how a museum is an opportunity for a child to see real things, that they might read about in books, i.e. real-life version of a train, replica of a dinosaur, a model space ship. Sarah goes frequently with her two young children.
 - “It’s ok to go and see 1 or 2 things and get out of the museum.” We are very lucky that we are so close to the museums.
 - Let the child take the lead on what they want to see. Going there is an experience and you want the child to build that love to learn from a museum.

- Think about taking the metro, and travel during the day, if you can. Museum rules are like libraries.
- If you go with an open mind and go between meals, it helps to plan the day.
- Museum manners, catch a bubble, keep your hands in the pockets/ stomach and you use your quiet walking feet.
- Cameras, maps, scavenger hunts, and bringing books are all helpful ideas. Try and pack a lunch. Most places have sensory friendly areas for children.
- Sarah's Recommendations -Frying Pan, Krieger Museum, Fairfax Parks and Rec have a lot of great places. Maryland Science Center- inner-harbor. Dinosaur Rock Museum, Baltimore Museum of Industry. Museum of American History interactive children's area, Air and Space at Dulles.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

The Next PTA meeting is scheduled for Monday 1/7/2019 7PM, Media Center

Meeting minutes compiled by PTA Secretary, Moira Jacobsen