

## Ventana Vista FFO General Board Meeting Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attendance- 30 people in person, 2 on zoom (including board members: Nicole Whelan, Becca Hudgens, Lynnea Molina-Strunk, Cat George, Nita Jain, Marissa Basch)

Call to meeting by Becca Hudgens: 8:17am

Adjourned meeting by Becca Hudgens: 10:01am

- 1) Welcome -introduction (intro of the board)
- 2) Meeting Minutes Approved - 1<sup>st</sup> Lynnea Molina-Strunk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Courtney Pear, Approved.
- 3) Principal's Report
  - 1) Dropoff/pick up going well (goal is to get down to 15 mins for pickup process), curb smart app works well, if you switch mode of getting home let Avril know, bus app is available now
  - 2) Kinder- reduced Spanish class size to 15-16 students per class
  - 3) Curriculum Nights will take place next week (one hour per grade)
  - 4) Field trips (teachers submitting requests already)
  - 5) Safety - only one gate open for a couple of minutes during drop-off
  - 6) Questions- virtual options for curriculum night, can parents come to lunch?
- 4) Financial report -started the year out with \$6500
  - 1) Shade Structure was purchased last year, hopefully done over fall break, Becca showed a picture of it, 4 main ones around the loop and one more back in the trees where some kids stand to be picked up
  - 2) FFO bought spirit wear shirts in bulk (which is another reason why the budget started off low)
  - 3) Field Trips -cost about \$8000- \$9000 per year
  - 4) Amazon Smiles -you can add it to your app (1/2% of cost of purchases will go to VVFFO)
  - 5) Mable's Labels- still doing that (will add info to the website), on the website you can click on "support a fundraiser" and pick VVFFO
  - 6) Bashas Card (preload before ringing up groceries) and VVFFO gets a % back
  - 7) Bobcat bucks -is it worth it to rename because this name is misleading? Parents voice concerns that we need a clear message about this being a direct donation to VVFFO.
    - 1) Bobcat bucks can be tax deductible (VVFFO can generate receipts for bigger amounts)
    - 2) Goal is to ask for \$100 per kid
    - 3) FFO plans on adding a thermometer of how much FFO needs to raise and display the sign outside, will also mention in newsletter and remind
    - 4) Will add QR code
- 5) Old Business

- 1) Sarah Menke
  - 1) Amazon Smiles -VVFFO got \$256 last quarter
  - 2) Spirit Wear- we have many sizes available and ordering sizes of ones we are out of
    - A) Water bottle sticker available \$2 each
    - B) email questions to board [VVFFO@gmail.com](mailto:VVFFO@gmail.com) or on remind
- 2) Staff Appreciation (Courtney Wilhelm)
  - 1) 2 Lunches were done already, teachers appreciated them
  - 2) Goal is to do a couple of things a month, will be setting up sign up geniuses. throughout the year to get parent involvement for these events
- 3) Dine Outs (Courtney Paire)
  - 1) Blue Ice-VVFFO got \$105
  - 2) Next Dine Out Night- will be at bilingual bingo (perhaps food trucks) and Papa John's at movie night
  - 3) Feedback about dine outs- let Courtney know (she also wants a co-chair)
    - A) will be working on an adults only dine out
  - 4) Last year got over \$2000 total for dine outs
- 4) CFSD Foundation (Courtney Paire)- independent nonprofit supporting CFSD (raises supplemental funds)
  - 1) Board has some vacancies
- 5) New Business
  - 1) Movie Night (Nita Jain)-
    - 1) Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, on lower field (rain backup option-NPR), watching Encanto in Spanish
    - 2) Selling food items (\$3 Papa John Pizza, \$2 Candy, \$1 Drinks, free popcorn)
    - 3) Thank you to our sponsors: Sam Levitz and Southwest Shoulder Elbow & Hand Center
    - 4) No bus service from Bashas, just park at VV (we will have enough parking spots)
  - 2) Volunteers (Cat George)
    - 1) Need Chairs or Co-Chairs for the following events: 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion (need more 4<sup>th</sup> grade families involved), Sweethearts Dance, Milage club (need a co-chair that can set up/take down, Jennifer White will be a chair), STEM A THON, Color Run (springtime, Ms. Lankas does a lot for it, teachers throw the color), Dine Outs (need a co-chair), Evening of the Arts (might have one but can use a co-chair), Silent Auction, Yearbook (need a possible co-chair), Bus Driver Appreciation

- 2) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp at Mt. Lemmon - maybe doing it in the fall, can parents volunteer? Yes (FFO puts together a list, ask every 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent to pay a certain portion, FFO supplements it)
- 3) Yearbook- create a google or drop box for parents to put pictures in it
- 6) Budget Approval for 2022/2023 school year - move Kristy F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney W, approved.
  - 1) Budget is amendable per Sarah M
- 7) Miscellaneous
  - 1) Service Days - can create service projects for VV kids and families to do (Christina A.)