

*Ventana Vista FFO General Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2010*

**VV FFO Co-President Lalita Hadley called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.**

**Principal/Staff.** Principal Kim Boling introduced the new FFO board members. She explained Ventana Vista's Bobcat Code, which is in its second year of implementation. The code reinforces school-wide discipline, through a series of rules and consequences for behavior. The rules fall under the categories: "Be Kind," "Be Safe," "Be Your Best" and "Be a Bobcat." The school has already had assemblies to reinforce the code. Kim also explained that every student has the chance to attend her "Principal's Lunch." She said the code has been successful, with a 44 percent drop in referrals to the main office, from 59 in SY 2008-09 to 33 in SY 2009-10.

**\*Arizona Education Network** – Parent Rebecca Pezzulo explained that the AEN is a non-partisan group that educates parents on what our legislators are doing in regard to education. She explained, unfortunately, that Arizona failed to secure any federal money from the first two rounds of the Race to the Top program, but she heard there might be a third round. More information can be found at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov). She urged everyone to vote in the upcoming fall elections.

**\*VV Science Fair Presentation** – Parents Bryn Allen and Peter Gruenstein presented their plan to start a Science Fair this year at Ventana Vista as a way to set the school apart both district-wide and perhaps statewide. They proposed a budget of \$3,400 for the event, which includes a \$1,000 donation from Gruenstein. A Kick-Off Night is planned for **Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.** in the MPR, where parents can learn more about it. The 2010 Science Fair is scheduled for **Dec. 7**. The website for more information is [www.vvsciencefair.org](http://www.vvsciencefair.org). Lalita informed the committee that a special FFO meeting would be held to vote on the proposed budget.\*\*

**Secretary.** Minutes from the May 2010 VV FFO general meeting were approved and filed as written.

**Treasurer's Report.** Co-Treasurer Tatyana Nnenemen-Yatsenko read the treasurer's report and stated that there is an estimated carryover of \$37,347 from SY 2009-10. She also reported that direct donations are already over \$10,000 this year and the CD stands at a value of \$5,000.

**Presidents Report.** Lalita announced that the FFO would purchase T-shirts for the custodial staff. The FFO still needs volunteers for the following positions: Halloween Carnival Co-Chair, Art Support, Bingo Night and Teacher of the Year.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Halloween.** The Halloween Extravaganza will be **Friday, Oct. 29**. Chairperson Jason said he wants to make several changes to the event this year that would involve more games instead of so much candy. He also wants to improve the costume contest and would like more ideas from parents. Kim Boling said she would meet with Jason to ensure that the new ideas would be safe and would work at the school.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp.** Laura Williams said she is still getting permission slips for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to Triangle Y Ranch Camp in Oracle. As of Aug. 23, she had 1800. They are looking for three more dads to help out but have enough female volunteers.

**Community Schools.** Program Coordinator Matt Woodhall stated that there are 110 kids enrolled for the Community Schools programming at Ventana Vista. Lego Robotics begins in September, with online registration beginning **Monday, Aug. 30 at 8 a.m.** Friday Night Nets are back at Ventana Vista. Matt also said he is looking to get a garden started at the school. He is getting an estimate but would also need a dedicated parent volunteer to oversee it.

**New Family Breakfast.** Ann Fredley is planning a breakfast for new families to Ventana Vista on **Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 a.m.**

**Bookfair.** Jacki Nichols announced that the Book Fair will be **Friday, Sept. 10** from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** This year, they will not be serving pizza but she is looking into getting BTO to sell yogurt at the event. Jacki said she is working on the schedule and could use some more volunteers.

**Chip Shoppe.** Mindy Thomas said she will contact the company to find out the needs for the fundraiser. A kickoff is planned for October.

**Promotions.** Kathleen Melde wants to promote the E-script program at Safeway better around Ventana Vista because the school gets a percentage of the money parents spend at the store. She said there are currently 265 Ventana Vista parents signed up for the program. She would like to increase that to 365. In 2009, the school received \$3,000 but only \$919 in 2010. She plans to make flyers and promote it better in the Bobcat Newsletter.

**Old Business.** None

**New Business.** The FFO Board approved Nadine Stoner and Tatyana Nnenemen-Yatsenko as co-treasurers for SY 2010-11. Leticia Lovallo made the motion for approval and it was seconded by all. Tara Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the budget for SY 2010-11 and Leticia seconded it. The budget was approved. The date for Sportzone has been changed to **May 21** and the Science Fair has been added to the SY 2010-11 calendar. Bryn Allen made the motion to approve the calendar and Lisa Eakers seconded it. The calendar was approved.

**Adjournment.** VV FFO Co-President, Lalita Hadley, adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

*\*\*A special FFO meeting has been scheduled for September 13 at 8:10 a.m. to vote on the proposed Science Fair budget.*

*The next FFO general meeting will be held October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Kaleidoscope Room.*