

## **Ventana Vista FFO General Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2011**

**VV FFO Co- President Lalita Hadley called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.**

**Principal-** Principal Kim Boling welcomed everyone and explained CFSD's 2011-2013 Strategic Plan. The plan seeks to produce students who are critical thinkers, self directed, productive, and produce quality work. She wants students to learn beyond the classroom and create an emotional connection with the curriculum, and hopes to achieve this with activities such as the community garden, Science Fair, among others.

**Parking Task Force-** Tracy Curtin announced she is leading a Parking task force this year to help alleviate some of the congestion created during drop-off and pick-up times. A traffic light has been installed on the corner of Kolb and Mountain Shadows. This traffic light is on a sensor and is being constantly monitored and revised. She is actively seeking community ideas to help with the traffic situation.

**Plant Science Family Night-** Dr. Rod Wing from the University of Arizona has obtained a grant to fund community outreach programs. He and Caryl Jones will be leading Plant Science Family Night on September 30. This evening is meant to engage families in Science, inspire exploration and learning, and encourage positive attitudes in Science. Dr. Wing encourages everyone to attend.

**Treasurer's Report-** Co-Treasurer Tatyana Nemenman read the treasurer's report and stated that there is an estimated carryover of \$39,000 from the 2010-11 school year. She also mentioned direct donations from parents have exceeded expectations this year.

**Grants-** Lilian Douglas will be heading the Grants Comitee this year. A grant petition was submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Heather Bolton to include IXL.COM into her curriculum. IXL is a math practice site that helps students work on hundreds of skills. She stated it is an exciting program for students, can be accessed from home, and is designed to help students learn at their own pace. It is an adaptive website that will adjust to a student's demonstrated ability level. A one-year membership is \$564.00 and will benefit 85 students. Grant approved.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp-** Camp will take place October 27-28 at the Triangle Y Ranch Camp in Oracle. Lisa Eakers announced the comitee has raised \$5,600 for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip.

**Community Garden-** Ventana Vista will have a new community garden. Janna Alexander announced the goal is to open by October. Each grade will have their own garden. The plots have been excavated, but she is looking for parent volunteers with or without experience to help out.

**CFSD Foundation-** Vice-President Wendy Vazquez announced the Foundation will host two major fundraisers this year: Love of School Gala will take place January 27 at Lowes Ventana Canyon, and a golf tournament to take place March 16 at Skyline Country Club. More information will follow. She also announced board members are needed.

**Book Fair-** Chairperson Jacki Nichols announced this year's Family Night book fair will take place September 9.

**E-script-** Kathleen Melde announced the school will continue to participate in E-script this year. She is hoping to get all parents to sign up.

**New Family Events-** It was announced Ann Fredley will be hosting a New Family breakfast on September 8 at 7am. All new families are encouraged to attend.

**Bobcat Run-** Co- President Lalita Hadley announced this fall's fundraiser will be the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Bobcat Run. This will be a family walk/run at Sabino Canyon on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The FFO will raise money by selling t-shirts. Lalita announced a t-shirt designing contest is in the works, and said t-shirts will sell for \$15 and \$20. The Bobcat Run will be organized by Kris Johnson, Mindy Thomas, and Janet Holland.

**Volunteers-** Volunteer Coordinator Bryn Allen announced many parents signed up to volunteer this year.

**Science Fair-** Bryn Allen announced this year's Science Fair will start October 6. A second science fair is tentatively planned for February 6.

**Yearbook-** Gina Chen announced 166 yearbooks have been ordered. Photos for the yearbook can be submitted to [ventanayearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:ventanayearbook@yahoo.com).

**Math Marathon-** Gina Chen announced this year's Math Marathon will tentatively be March 6.

**Halloween Extravaganza-** Co-President Tara Kirkpatrick announced the Halloween Extravaganza will take place Friday, October 28.

**New Business-** The FFO board approved Bianca Rowley as Secretary for SY 2011-12. FFO Co-President Lalita Hadley made a motion to approve the Calendar for SY 2011-12 and it was approved by all. Budget for SY 2011-12 was proposed and approved.

**Adjournment-** VV FFO Co-President Lalita Hadley adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

**The next FFO General Meeting will be held October 19 at 11:30 in the Kaleidoscope Room.**