

## **Ventana Vista FFO General Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2012**

**VV FFO Co-President Lalita Hadley called the meeting to order at 11:45.**

### **Principal**

Principal Kim Boling informed that February would be Love of Reading Month. The 1<sup>st</sup> week of February the children will all be reading to a buddy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> week will be share reading (Reading Rainbow), and the 3<sup>rd</sup> week will be "Leaders are Readers", and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> will wrap up the event with Love of Reading Night complete with guest authors and speakers. Also, the entire school will participate in an ABC project in which every class is assigned a different letter to "decorate" their classroom door with.

### **Treasurer's Report**

FFO Treasurer Tatyana Nemenman explained the current finances of the FFO. Total deposits since last meeting amount to \$4,579.24. This money came from Escrip, Yearbook, Bobcat Run, Basha's Card sales, and Bingo Night. Expenditures totaled \$8,190.21 going to Teacher's Fund, AR test, Publications, Bobcat Run, Library support, Teacher appreciation, Halloween Extravaganza, Marathon, Grants, and President's fund.

Total Cash Available stands at \$49,374.23

### **Secretary**

FFO Secretary Bianca Rowley made a motion to approve the November 2011 Minutes. Motion Approved.

### **Grants**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Project**

Spanish Teacher Sarah Leuthold requested a grant in the amount of \$86.00 for Moorish tiles, marbles glue and other items for a project for the 1<sup>st</sup> graders learning about Spain. Grant Approved.

#### **Ventana Vista Reading Challenge**

School Library Clerk Jill Wadsworth requested \$750 for the Ventana Vista Reading Challenge. Students will be encouraged (not required) to select a BINGO sheet that lists books by author/genre/series. When they have completed five in a row (parents initialing completed blocks), they win BINGO and get a prize. This program will benefit all 460 students. Grant approved.

#### **Accelerated Reading**

Tom Green requested a grant of \$2000 for Accelerated Reading, a computer based independent reading monitoring system. Students select accelerated reader book titles from the school library, and upon completion take a comprehension test that helps determine their understanding of the book. Reading record reports can quickly be generated for teachers, students, and parents to keep track of a student's reading progress.

Grant approved. Mr. Green will look into getting the system up and running now, but at this time it appears the system would be instated in the 2012-13 school year.

#### **Star Reader**

Third grade teacher Kristi Lafrentz requested \$1,375.17 for the Star Reader program. This is an assessment done on the computer that is used to determine Accelerated Reader levels, document monthly reading improvement, and give parents information regarding their child's instructional reading levels. Grant approval to be determined pending further information.

#### **SportZone**

Shelley Goodstein will be organizing SportZone this year. This wonderful school event will take place Sunday, May 20. This event extremely popular with the kids, we hope to see everyone there.

#### **Science Fair**

This year's Science Fair begins February 6<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Tuesday February 6&7 will be morning and afternoon project drop-off. Wednesday will be project judging, and Thursday & Friday February 8&9 will be public viewing. Winners will be announced and posted Thursday. If you need to make alternate plans for project drop-off please contact Bryn Allen at [brynea14@msn.com](mailto:brynea14@msn.com). You can learn more at [www.vvsciencefair.org](http://www.vvsciencefair.org).

#### **Bingo Night**

Bingo night was a huge success. Thank you to the community for participating!

VV FFO Co-President Lalita Hadley adjourned the meeting at 12:35.

*The next FFO meeting will be held Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30. We hope to get more parent participation at this new time.*