

Ventana Vista FFO General Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2011

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

Principal/Staff Chat. Principal Kim Boling talked about CFSD's 2011 strategic plan that is currently being refined. The last plan was completed in 2005 and ran through 2010. This newest plan will include goals for district schools over the next few years. Among the newest district goals are:

- to develop critical thinkers and increase student engagement
- to grow student enrollment across K-12 CFSD schools
- to stimulate student self-direction
- for students to seek authentic work and make real world connections in their learning.

On another issue, Mrs. Boling also mentioned there is no specific timeline for parking lot improvements to the school.

Presentations:

Sportzone

Chair Shelley Goodstein announced that Ventana Vista's Sportzone will be held **May 21, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at the school. This year's water-themed event will include jumping castles and water slides, sports stations, games, etc. El Saguarito will be selling food and there will be kettle corn, ice cream and maybe, snow cones for sale. Many volunteers are still greatly needed.

Catalina Foothills High School "Grad Night"

Co-chair Sherri Silverberg talked about the CFHS' upcoming grad night event. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help run the high school's all-night, lock-in event for graduating seniors, to be held **May 25**. The night is a "pay-it-forward" type of event, in that parents help now so their own children get to benefit from the incredible event when it's their turn.

Secretary. Minutes from the Jan. 19 VV FFO general meeting were approved and filed as written.

Treasurer's Report. Co-treasurer Tatyana Nemenman announced there is \$42,261 in the FFO account with \$44,281 in cash available funds. E-scrip donations contributed \$1,670 for the school.

Grants.

A motion was made to move \$1,075 from Misc. in the FFO budget into Technology. It was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve \$200 for the AR program in the library. It was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve \$130 for the Poetry Contest. It was seconded and approved.

Committee Reports:

Fifth Grade Camp – Lisa Eakers announced a fundraising initiative to help galvanize 4th grade parents to prepare for 5th Grade Camp, which is a fee-based event that has presented challenges in the past in terms of parent support. They have put together a flyer to send home to families now about the fall event, so parents can contribute funds toward the camp with many giving options to make it easy.

Za Boom Ba. CFSD is hosting this event on **Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m.** at Catalina Foothills High School. The hope is for 300 participants, 200 have pre-registered. Each FFO donates \$75 to pay for the instructor. More information can be found on the website, www.zaboomba.com.

Community Garden. Community Schools Program Director Matt Woodhall said there have been many issues complicating the start of a community garden on the school grounds, including the plot of land, water use, slope and sunlight. The initial start-up costs would average about \$10,000. The project needs more input and he said making it a community-managed garden is the best bet. Woodhall and parent volunteer Jana Alexander are going to research whether tax-credit funds might be tapped for this project.

Mathathon. Chair Gina Chen announced that all students completed the tests this last week and the event should raise about \$16,000 for the FFO, with \$4000 collected so far. The school hit its \$12,000 mark, so every class will get an eegee's party.

Family Evening of the Arts (FEOTA). Lalita announced that FEOTA will be held **Friday, April 15, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.** Items are still needed for the silent auction that night. Angie Goorman will be in charge of food and décor. Tara Kirkpatrick is in charge of classroom projects. Volunteers are needed for the evening.

Plant Science Night. Caryl Jones presented a slide show on Ventana Vista's first-ever Plant Science Night, which was a tremendous success. Students had an amazing time. Families from all four CFSD elementary schools attended. The event will be written up in *The Foothills News* and a national plant science journal.

Adjournment. Lalita adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

*****The next FFO general meeting will be held May 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Kaleidoscope Room.***