

Ventana Vista FFO General Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2012

Ventana Vista FFO Co-President Lalita Hadley called the meeting to order at 1:35.

Principal

Principal Kim Boling announced new features have been added to the VV website, including a new school video, testimonials, and much more information and data about our school. Please check it out at www.cfsd16.org. She also gave further information on the district's Strategic Plan 2011-2013. It is her goal for all members of the community to be familiar with this strategic plan.

Goals:

- All students will develop expertise in the CFSD 21st Century skills.
- Students will be engaged in their own learning.
- All schools will reach maximum enrollment capacity.

Objectives over the next 2-3 years

- Develop students that are self-directed critical thinkers and produce quality work.
- Increase engagement of all students
- Grow student enrollment

Strategies to achieve objectives

- Increase instructional and assessment opportunities that stimulate student self-direction and critical thinking
- Increase the authenticity of student academic work
- Create an outreach plan that highlights CFSD programs and student achievement to market the district as an excellent option for students.

Family Evening of the Arts

Julie Janney, chair of FEOTA announced the event will take place April 20. She is coordinating classroom projects, most of which are completed, and is looking for volunteers to help her set up the day of the event. If you can help please contact her at Julesartdesign@gmail.com.

Secretary

Bianca Rowley made a motion to approve January 2012 Minutes- motion approved.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Tatyana Nemenman explained the FFO's current finances. Total deposits since last meeting are \$6446.61. The deposits came from Escrip, Yearbook, Bobcat Run, Basha's cards sales, Bingo Night, and Love of Reading Night. Total expenditures since last meeting have been made in the amount of \$20,855.18. These payments went to Teacher's Fund, AR test, Bobcat Run, Grants, President Fund, Love of Reading, field trips, Sportzone, Bingo Night, FEOTA, Love our School Gala, Principal Breakfast, Science Night, 5th grade farewell, Yearbook, and Science Fair. Total cash available stands at \$33,417.23.

Grants

Pending Grant for Star Reader was approved in the amount of \$1468.49. Star Reader is a program used to determine accelerated reader levels, document monthly reading improvement, and give parents information regarding their child's instructional reading level.

Mathathon

Mathathon Chairperson Gina Chen announced the Mathathon received \$16,910.00 so far, with many pledges still out. This is a huge success and the students will get a school-wide Eegee's party.

Sportzone

Sportzone will be held SUNDAY May 20th. There will be games, jumping castles, a DJ, and the fire department will be coming again to spray the kids down. The 4th graders will sell sno-cones to raise money for their 5th grade camp. Other plans are in the works.

5th Grade Photos

On April 10th Interstate Photography will take group pictures of the 5th graders. These are meant as a final keepsake and 10% of the proceeds will be donated back to the school.

Spring Book Fair

Jacki Nichols announced the Spring Book Fair will be held Friday May 3rd.

General Announcements

- Kathy Melde will be in charge of organizing 5th grade camp next year.
- We need a volunteer to run the Mathathon next year, this is the school's biggest fundraiser.
- We need a volunteer to represent Ventana Vista at the district meetings.
- Lalita Hadley announced she will be stepping down as FFO Co-President as of next school year. We thank her for the marvelous work she has put in.

The next and last meeting of the school year is the FFO Luncheon on May 16 at 1:00. We hope to see everyone there.