Ventana Vista FFO meeting minutes for November 18 2012

VV FFO Co-President Tara Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Principal Boling

Principal Boling announced 5th grade camp was a success. This two day camp in Oracle is meant to extend on the curriculum, build teamwork, and foster friendship. This great event is funded by donations made to the FFO. On another note, she informed that tax credit funds were used to build a garden with Community Schools and Community Gardens. All three kindergarten classes have incorporated the garden directly into their curriculum.

Secretary

VV FFO Secretary Bianca Rowley made a motion to approve the minutes from October's meeting. Motion approved.

President

Tara Kirkpatrick announced the new Bobcat Blitz, a short weekly email going out to parents weekly to keep them informed on current or upcoming events, is being well received by all.

Treasurer

VV FFO Co-Treasurer Kelly Medvec informed those present as to the state of the FFO's finances. The beginning balance was $26,538.34. Deposits were made in the amount of $8,129.90 and checks were written in the amount of $8,203.22. Ending balance is $26,465.02.

Grants

VV librarian Jill Wadsworth requested a $200 grant for "Cranberries for Thanksgiving". During library time for the week preceding Thanksgiving students will learn a simple recipe to make and share with family and friends. The students will make the relish, and then discussion will focus on Thanksgiving traditions and the gift of sharing something they have made. The money would go towards buying groceries (cranberries, sugar, oranges, cups and spoons). Grant approved.

Halloween Bingo Night

Lalita Hadley provided announced the event ran smoothly and brought in $100. She thanks the community for participating.

Bobcat Run

Tara Kirkpatrick announced this event was a huge success. More than 200 families participated. The event brought in over $4400. Thank you to the entire community for your participation. She

would like to have the t-shirt contest in the spring next year, so that t-shirts are designed and ready to sell at the Open House in the fall.

Science Fair-

Bryn Allen announced flyers are going out this week. The Science fair website, www.vvsciencefair.org is up and running. Projects are set up Monday February 4, judging will take place Tuesday February 5 in the Turtle Room, and presentations will be open to the public Thursday and Friday. There are plans to set up examples through out school in the weeks leading up to the event for kids to see and start thinking about their projects.

Promotions

Fundraising Night at Panda Express had a good turnout but we haven't received the total amount raised. The FFO will receive 20% of what was sold that night. Fundraising night from Chuck E. Cheese brought in $100.

Yearbook

Gina Chen announced there are only about 100 copies left, so families should order their yearbook soon.

Catalina Foothills School District

Jackie Nichols attended the last CFSD meeting. They announced Catalina Foothills High School was ranked 378th out of 22,000 US high schools, according to US News Weekly Magazine. The foundation is currently focusing on the Love our Schools Gala to take place on January 25th at Lowes Ventana Canyon. Tickets can be purchased online at www.cfsdfoundation.org at $125 for an evening of live and silent auction, Teacher of the Year presentation, dinner and live music entertainment. The foundation will be conducting telethon through the rest of the calendar year asking for donations. If someone makes a donation they should check to see if their place of employment will match that donation.

New business

A motion was made to add the Science Fair on February 4 to the FFO Calendar. Motion approved.

Principal Boling announced a new school wide activity to start in November called "Math in the real world". There are also plans to have a Family Math Night next fall.

Tara Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The next FFO meeting will take place January 17 at 8:15 a.m. in the Kaleidescope Room.