

Ventana Vista FFO General Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2010

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

Principal/Staff. Principal Kim Boling welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the second grade teachers, Shannon White, Jill Paulos and Joan McKee. They discussed the projects and topics their students are working on in the classroom.

Secretary. Minutes from the Aug. 25 VV FFO general meeting were approved and filed as written.

Grants. None

Presidents Report. Co-President Lalita Hadley announced that CFSD directories will be distributed in the students' backpacks this week. The FFO website is expanding to provide more information to parents. The FFO hopes it will be a valuable communication tool.

Treasurer's Report. Co-Treasurer Tatyana Nnenemen said the FFO balance is \$52,428 and the balance of the CD is \$5,104.17. The total restricted funds are \$6,684.01.

Committee Reports:

Halloween. Chairperson Jason Halper updated the plans for the Halloween Extravaganza , to be held **Friday, Oct. 29** from **6 - 8 p.m.:**

- They have thrown out the old, broken decorations from years past and built several new pieces. More than 600 balloons need to be blown up for the event.

- They have donations from Target, Safeway, Costco and others.

- There will be a DJ, two deputies for security and help from his Boy Scouts at the event. Barricades will block off no-admittance areas of the school.

- At this time, popcorn, water and various fruits and snacks will be sold at the event. Dinner will not be provided. More candy and food donations are needed in the office for the trick-or treat locations around the school. More volunteers are also needed.

- 27 parking passes are left. Volunteers who work the entire day will not have to pay for a pass and should contact Jason for details.

- All entrants in the costume contests will receive prizes and trophies will be presented to the winners. Boy Scouts will help judge the contests.

Some concern was expressed about no dinner being served. Jason said he will look into getting more substantial donations but felt that a dinner set-up would be too much with all the activities. An event meeting will be held **Monday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.**

Bookfair. Jacki Nichols announced that the Sept. 10 Book Fair raised \$9,025, which results in \$2,000 for the library and Scholastic book dollars. BTO gave the school \$75. The next book event, Buy One Get One, starts **May 4**, with an event night on **May 6**.

Chip Shoppe. Mindy Thomas said today was the deadline to turn in orders. The merchandise will then arrive at the school in 2-3 weeks. She needs volunteers to distribute them to the students

5th Grade Camp. The camp is scheduled for Oct. 28-29. The deposits for the Oracle camp and the buses have been paid. Parent Lisa Eakers said she will be talking to the fourth grade parents in the spring to make sure they are on board for this event next year.

Promotions. Kathleen Melde renewed all 265 e-scrip subscribers. More families need to sign up for these promotions as it means money for Ventana Vista. A few parents asked if there were other similar programs that could be researched. There was also a suggestion that a booth at school events could help parents sign up easier.

VV Science Fair. Committee Chair Bryn Allen said the deadline for entries is today, but students can still enter their projects until mid-November. More information can be found on the website. There were more than 80 entries for the slogan contest. Natalie Darling, fourth grade, won with her entry: "Have Students Gone Mad for Science?" There are roughly 25-27 projects that have been submitted, with more expected. Set-up is **Dec. 7** with judging on **Dec. 8**. Bryn said they have not spent more than \$600 and are trying to spend wisely. An event meeting will be held **Monday, Oct. 25 at 3:15 p.m.**

Old Business. None

New Business. Ventana Vista still needs a representative to serve on the district's Teacher of the Year award committee. A teacher/staff appreciation lunch will be held Monday, Oct. 25 and dessert donations are needed. Lalita announced that there will no longer be a Bobcat newsletter, instead the bi-weekly Ventana Vistas will have an FFO page. Parent Gina Chen asked for some clarification on whether donations can be earmarked at the school. Sherri Silverberg explained that a 501c3 organization can take restricted donations.

Adjournment. Lalita adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

The next FFO general meeting will be held November 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Kaleidoscope Room.