

**Valley / Valley Southwoods PTO**  
**Minutes of the General Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:00 AM at the LRC**

*Present: Brooke Acheson, Ronda Bern, Sarah Connolly, Alicia Emanuel, Sue Fisher, Stephanie Horak, Ruth Lerg, Andi Lipman, Liz Nelson, Sarah Overton*

Brooke called the meeting to order at 11:03.

Stephanie read the minutes from the November 14, 2019 General Council meeting. Andi moved to approve the minutes. Liz seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes are approved.

Treasurer Ronda Bern passed out the budget report and the bank statement. These were reviewed by the group.

The group reviewed the Committee Reports.

Sue made a motion to allow spending of \$200 towards development of a web page that will allow us to do online processing of donation payments. Ronda seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

We discussed our intention to vote on the Bylaws revision at the Parent Body Meeting later today.

The group discussed ways we can give money directly to the schools if we are ever in a position to do so.

Andi & Alicia will work on fleshing out next year's roster. They will also work to determine meeting dates & reserve meeting rooms.

There are no developments on the topic of a Parent Career Network.

The After Prom Committee (not under our umbrella) has suffered some setbacks and is way behind schedule. They desperately need volunteers. Tell your friends.

Brooke will be getting out the word about the Foundation's scholarship application.

Adjourned 11:49

Respectfully submitted.

Stephanie Horak  
Secretary

Upcoming Meetings –

- April 9, 2020 – 11:00 AM – LRC *Followed by PTO Community Meeting at Noon*

**Valley / Valley Southwoods PTO**  
**Minutes of the Parent Body Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2020, 2019 12:00 PM at the LRC**

*Present: Brooke Acheson, Ronda Bern, Tracy Codel, Sarah Connolly, Alicia Emanuel, Sue Fisher, Jen Galloway, Stephanie Horak, Loree Horn, Sam Kamran, Ruth Lerg, Andi Lipman, Kim Poam Logan, Liz Nelson, Sarah Overton, Jana Rieker, Emad Shenouda, June Yuan,*

Brooke called the meeting to order at 12:00

She announced that the After Prom committee is looking for volunteers. Contact Ellen Sanchez, ellensanchezrn@yahoo.com, 515-868-7513.

Brooke announced that the WDMCS Foundation scholarship applications will be due soon. See the handout.

Brooke reminded attendees that we would be voting on a Bylaws revision at the end of this meeting.

Mike Sherman, WDMCS Director of Data Management & Carrie Jacobs, Online Learning Coordinator spoke about Canvas.

- Day-to-day grading has moved from Infinite Campus to Canvas.
- Infinite Campus will still contain final grades, schedules and the portal transcript.
- All of this semester's grades should be in Infinite Campus by the end of the day on Monday, January 13.

Shane Scott, Director of Curriculum, Mike & Carrie took questions from the group on grading processes/practices.

The Canvas pairing code can be re-run at any time. Any teacher, counselor, or principal can run a pairing code for you. Also you can call Carrie with this or any other question about Canvas. 633-5159.

Mr. Kuhnert discussed happenings at VSW.

- Open Campus finals are being held now at VSW.
- Next week, the first week of the second semester, every day will be a special eight-period day.
- They will hold a PBIS Assembly next Tuesday for recognition of positive behavior.
- On Tuesday, January 14 they will hold Registration Conferences in the evening.

Mr. Maxwell discussed happenings at VHS.

- The goal at Valley is to create a positive educational experience for all students.
- Instruction will be culturally relevant – not everybody learns in the same way.
- PBIS will be introduced at Valley second semester.
- There is a focus on

- Post-Secondary learning readiness
- Career readiness
- Life readiness
- Mr. Maxell took questions on the policy of closed campus during finals and whether that is a good use of students' time.
- Next week, the first week of the second semester, every day will be a special eight-period day.
- Mr. Maxwell took questions on the new grading practices and it was decided this should be a topic at a future meeting.

Alicia made a motion to accept the proposed Bylaws revisions. Liz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Brooke supplied copies of the revised Bylaws and will email them out too.

Adjourned 1:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Stephanie Horak  
Secretary

Upcoming Meetings

- April 9 – Noon - LRC