

Valley / Valley Southwoods PTO
Minutes of the General Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2018 11:00 AM at the LRC

Present: Brooke Acheson, Julie Bebensee, Ronda Bern, Lynnae Hentzen, Stephanie Horak, Laura Porter, Jana Rieker, Jodi Stahl, Erica Weeklund

Jana called the meeting to order at 11:07.

Stephanie read the minutes from the April 11, 2018 General Council meeting. Julie moved to approve the minutes. Laura seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes are approved.

Treasurer Ronda Bern passed out the proposed budget. It was reviewed and tweaked. Stephanie moved to approve the budget as amended. Julie seconded the motion. The motion carried and the amended budget is approved.

Jana has been in touch with Josh Fleming at Bank Iowa about a \$500 donation. Jana will share this information with Ronda.

Jodi reports that we have received a teacher request for a morning wellness/yoga program for teachers. Jodi is researching it. Jana suggests that we seek a sponsor. Laura suggests that we submit it to the Foundation for a teacher grant.

There was discussion on PTO presence at school events. The PTO is focused on increasing presence at both Valley and VSW to increase our reach. A discussion was had about a variety of options. It was agreed that more discussion needs to happen about what is the best use of time and effort and what is the overall goal of that outreach (membership, volunteers, donations, etc). . Laura proposes putting together a listing of the good things PTO does for the schools.

VSW Hospitality Committee is unmanned. Brooke & Erica will try to recruit someone.

Adjourned Noon

Respectfully submitted.

Stephanie Horak
Secretary

Upcoming Meetings –

- November 8 – 11:00 AM – LRC *Followed by Parent Body Meeting at Noon*
- January 10 – 11:00 AM – LRC *Followed by Parent Body Meeting at Noon*
- April 11 – 11:00 AM – LRC *Followed by Parent Body Meeting at Noon*

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Minutes of the Parent Body Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2018 12:00 PM at the LRC

Present: Brooke Acheson, Julie Bebensee, Ronda Bern, Jodi Castillo, Melinda Dunwald, Tina Hadden, Lynnae Hentzen, Stephanie Horak, Loree Horn, Kristi Kirkpatrick, Mitch Kuhnert, Mandy Lechtenberg, David Maxwell, Laura Porter, Jana Rieker, Jodi Stahl, Erica Weeklund,

Jana called the meeting to order at 12:03.

Valley Principal David Maxwell reported.

- There are two new administrators. Associate Principals Jill Bryson & Jeff Grassmeyer have joined the team.
- New Tech / Project Based Learning is now at Valley.
- There is a new 9-12 Professional Learning program through which teachers and administrators can earn Continuing Ed credits.
- New this year! Class meetings by grade were held in the PAC.
- There is a new stadium seating plan. It has been well received so far.
- Mr. Maxwell discussed “The Valley Standard,” a new concept about what makes Valley special.
- This year Encore sign-up is on Infinite Campus via Responsive Scheduler.

Valley Southwoods Principal Mitch Kuhnert also reported.

- He answered some questions on Naviance which is career/college software that can be found on the counseling web page.
- The district continues to work on aligning curriculum and course offerings.
- VSW continues its equity work.
- The district is working toward on-line registration.
- VSW added Encore this year, but they won't meet as often as VHS.
- VSW has a new staff member, a Behavior Interventionalist.
- AP Geography was added at VSW this year.
- The number of kids busing to Valley is now up to 177. Students bus for Chinese, Latin, German, Tech Ed, and the Bio/Chem combo class.

WDMCS Foundation board member Tina Mowry-Hadden presented on:

- Teacher Grant Program. The criteria for this is listed on the web site.
- Upcoming “Golf in the Halls” fundraiser. This mini golf event will be held at Valley on Saturday, November 17. Online registration will open on October 1.

Adjourned 1:07 pm

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