

Draft Minutes to be approved at 1/20/17 General Board Meeting



Veritas Parent Service Organization

November 18, 2016

Type of Meeting: General

Location/Time: Veritas Prep Dining Hall, 7:40am

Minutes by Bridget Peacock

Attendees:

Julie Pitcl
Matt Stein
Yvonne Sandweiss
Bridget Peacock
Carrilee Vance-Fox
Kim Seeley
David Dean
Sarah Marbach

Not in Attendance:

Fundraising –
Kristen Will
Sec. – Debbie O'Connor

- I. President's Report – Julie Pitcl
 - a. Call to order: 7:50am
 - b. October 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Motion to Approve by Yvonne Sandweiss and seconded by Bridget Peacock. All agree. MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD
 - c. Above and Beyond Award: Executive Board recognizes Kathleen Torrez for work on formatting the directory.
 - d. Window Painting Project: Creating a Student Committee to paint windows for Snowstorm
- II. Treasurer's Report – Matt Stein
 - a. Reminder that Festivitas is tomorrow. Julie Pitcl reported that spirit wear will be available for purchase.
 - b. Lunch/Snack bar: sales are lower due to change in product and change of lunch times. No financial trouble. Charla Lenz, the lunch coordinator, continues to look at new items and is considering having an item of the week/month special. Spring menu is open and the deadline to order is the 25th of the prior month. The only exception to this will be January with a deadline of 1/3/17. New addition to menu: items from "Radish" including: grain bowls, wraps and salads.
 - c. Hot dogs will be available at home basketball games for a donation.
 - d. Snowstorm contribution is considered a "gift" not a donation.
- III. Vice President's Report – Carrilee Vance Fox
 - a. Festivitas – 11/19 from 10:00-1:00pm. Carnival for the Archway and Veritas Communities. Tickets on sale today and price will increase tomorrow. A big thank you to our coordinator: Rachel Lund Schemitsch.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Debbie O'Connor, given by Julie Pitcl
 - a. Family Directory is in. \$10 per copy. Contact Debbie to purchase.
- V. Middle School Social Coordinator's Report – Kim Seeley
 - a. New Event: Music Festival – looking at 2/25/17. Need someone to chair this event. Also looking for bands that are student led and also a couple of headliners.
- VI. High School Social Coordinator's Report – Bridget Peacock
 - a. Winter Formal for all high school students will be on 1/21/17 at school. Bridget requested that families buy tickets, make gift early for any event put on by school or VPSO so that money is in the bank and they know what amount to budget.
- VII. Fundraising Coordinator's Report – Kristen Will, given by Julie Pitcl
 - a. Snowstorm – the chair is Laura Cross. Great way for families to give to teachers. Instead of purchasing a holiday gift for teachers, families contribute money and it is divided amongst the faculty and staff. Kickoff is next Monday.
 - b. The teachers and staff receive their "gift" at the Winter Luncheon.

- VIII. Hospitality Coordinator's Report – Yvonne Sandweiss
- a. The Winter Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be 12/14/16 at Arizona Country Club. Looking for two people to help decorate.
- IX. Development Director's Report – Sarah Marbach
- a. Tax Credit program is going on now. Request that all families make their contribution as the money goes to Veritas athletic programs.
 - b. Community Investment: The goal this year is high. The money from this program pays for anything that takes place in the classroom. Vital to our operating budget as 15% of the school's budget comes from these funds. 100% of the money donated stays at Veritas.
 - c. Reminder that the Tax Credit Program and Community Investment are two separate programs.
 - d. Opened up high school class visits to 7th grade. Parents are welcome to come and observe a high school class in session. Shadow Day is coming up.
 - e. 5K is at 9:00am tomorrow. We have over 350 runners and over \$8200 from sponsors. Packet pickup is today and need a few more volunteers to help with distribution.
- X. Headmaster Report – David Dean
- a. Community Investment – Reminder that charter schools are only funded about 85% of what public schools receive. Combining this with budget cuts and rising expenses, your contribution is vital.
 - b. The money from Proposition 123 went to Great Hearts and they then distributed the funds to teachers through their 401K as an employer contribution.
 - c. Senior Class Drama Production is at 7pm this evening in the Lund Center.
 - d. According to the Arizona Board of Regents, the Veritas Class of 2019 had the 2nd highest college graduation rate in Arizona.
 - e. A Veritas and Dartmouth graduate spoke to students and was well received. Parents requested more presentations like this from alumni.
 - f. 8th Grade Shadow Day – will occur the week after Thanksgiving break. Parents have had the opportunity to sit in on high school classes and now every 8th grade student will spend one day attending high school classes.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40am

Respectfully submitted by Bridget Peacock