

Draft Minutes to be approved at 11/18/16 General Board Meeting



Veritas Parent Service Organization

October 28, 2016

Type of Meeting: General

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

Minutes by Debbie O'Connor

Attendees:

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

Not in Attendance:

Fundraising –
Kristen Will

- I. President's Report – Julie Pitcl
 - a. Call to order: 7:55am
 - b. September 30, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Motion to Approve by Bridget Peacock and seconded by Yvonne Sandweiss. All agree. MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD
 - c. Above and Beyond Award: Executive Board recognizes Christine Shanks for her culinary contributions to the Headmaster Coffees, the Fall Breakfast and Spirit Week.
 - d. The City of Phoenix has made some recent traffic changes to enhance safety at the intersection of 56th Street and Indian School Road. We encourage all bike riders to wear a helmet and remind parents to **not** make left turns out of school driveways during the school day.
 - e. No report from the Lunch Coordinator, Charla Lenz.
- II. Treasurer's Report – Matt Stein
 - a. Homecoming – donations for hot dogs earned \$187.
 - b. The sales of spirit wear during spirit week earned over \$1000. More spirit wear is on order.
 - c. Concessions sales of \$350 will go directly to Athletic Department.
- III. Vice President's Report – Carrilee Vance Fox
 - a. Festivitas – 11/19 from 10:00-1:00pm. Fun for the entire family: food trucks, games, bounce houses, dunk tank, kiss the pig contest and pie throwing contests. Admission: \$30 per family or \$10 per person.
 - b. 5k update from Sheila Logan & Sarah Marbach – can purchase tickets online: \$100 per family or \$35 for individual. In order to receive a race shirt, must be registered by 11/11. Proceeds will be divided between Archway and Veritas. Archway will use their funds to enhance safety with new signage and a sidewalk along driveway. Veritas will use their portion of funds toward new athletic uniforms.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Debbie O'Connor
 - a. Family Directory – Complete. PDF file is on veritaspreppso.org website. Email went out to all families with the password, a link to make changes and a link to purchase a copy of the directory for \$10. Should go to printer and hard copies will be ready the week of Thanksgiving. Complimentary copies will be ordered for various staff.
- V. Middle School Social Coordinator's Report – Kim Seeley
 - a. New Event: Music Festival will be March 3, 2017. Looking for someone to chair this event.
- VI. High School Social Coordinator's Report – Bridget Peacock
 - a. Homecoming/Spirit Week was great. Will review and evaluate what worked well and what did not. Encouraged MS students to get involved and many joined committees and attended the game. All of the staff that worked on Homecoming events was new and they did a great job. Ticket sales were \$1600. Food trucks sold out of food so they were happy. Next year Homecoming will be in September.

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- b. Homecoming Dance – VPSO was responsible for food and refreshments and the photo booth. The school was very supportive of the VPSO.
- c. Next Event will be the first ever Winter Formal on 1/21/17 and is a formal dance for all HS Students.
- VII. Fundraising Coordinator’s Report – Kristen Will – Presented by Julie Pitcl
 - a. Next week, an email with list of passive fundraisers will be sent to families.
 - b. Encourage families to support the lunch program and Amazon smile when ordering from Amazon as they are the VPSO biggest fundraisers.
- VIII. Hospitality Coordinator’s Report – Yvonne Sandweiss
 - a. Fall Breakfast was a big success. Enough food to feed the staff for three days! All staff also received a gift card.
 - b. Snowstorm gift for faculty: Instead of buying a holiday gift for a teacher, the VPSO offers the Snowstorm program so that families can contribute money to be divided among staff so they receive a cash gift. They receive the gift at the Winter Staff Appreciation Luncheon in December.
- IX. Development Director’s Report – Sarah Marbach
 - a. Tax Credit program begins Wednesday. As a charter school, Veritas only receives 85% of money that public schools receive from the state. Community Investment makes up that difference. All of the funds gifted stay at school and help pay for athletics and school clubs. SM requests that families with students in both Archway and Veritas, make their gift to Veritas as the cost is much higher to run a Middle School/High School (labs, special programs).
 - b. 8th grade families are welcome to signup to sit in on a High School class to see firsthand what the High School program at Veritas is like. Hoping to offer something similar for 7th grade parents in the Spring.
- X. Headmaster Report – David Dean
 - a. Shoes – requirement has been tabled until the 2017-2018 school year.
 - b. Thanked all the volunteers for a wonderful Spirit Week.
 - c. Reviewing changing start times for next year but have not made any decisions.
 - d. Testing – the Middle School is doing MAP Testing which is an interactive test using computers where the level of difficulty is automatically changed based on the student’s correct or incorrect answers. Looking at using this test instead of AZ Merit, but decision is up to the state.
- XI. New Business –
 - a. Parents concerned about an unmanned cross walk (in the afternoon) that leads from the school parking lot to the field. Suggested adding a staff person or a stop sign.
 - b. Test scores – parents would like the scores to be given to parents only and not students.
 - c. Snowstorm – to encourage more participation, we need to find way to explain how important this program is as the money collected goes directly to teachers. JP suggested contacting Snowstorm Chair, Laura Cross.

Meeting Adjourned 8:17am

Respectfully submitted by Debbie O’Connor