



VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAC Minutes

Sept 24, 2024 Called to order by Nathalie, Chair at 7:04 pm

In Attendance

Nathalie (Chair), Daisy (Vice Chair), Kristina (Treasurer) Allyson (Secretary), Tai (DPAC), Sharon Bernard (Principal), Lisa Ego (Vice Principal), Brian, Stacey, Jessie and David

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Kristina to motion the adoption of the Agenda. Second by Tai
- Kristina to motion the adoption of the April minutes. Second by Tai. May AGM minutes approved at next AGM

Treasurer's Report

- See attached Treasurer's Report with updated revenue and expenses
- Gaming Application submitted and waiting for deposit in October
- Gaming money has to be spent within 2 years. This year we need to spend \$20,654.71 which is typically what we spend each year
- The PAC has a \$2113.72 Term deposit from before any of the current Executives time. Kristina to explore if it can be cashed out
- Review annual PAC General and Gaming Budget- Jessie to motion to approve budget as presented. Second by Tai. All in Favor

Principal's Report

- 1st I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome and all that you have done for our students already this year and in past years. It has been a busy start up. Just this week our staff and students are settling in to the year.
- September 10 was our meet the staff BBQ. It was a well-attended event by families. We provided over 500 hotdogs to families. It was a wonderful way for families to see the building and casually connect with their student's teachers. We also think that the PAC table was a great opportunity PAC to connect with families and do a little fundraising.
- Last week was cancer Awareness Week. We started the week with a visit from cops for cancer Tour de valley. We had a weeklong coin drive and a bake sale on Tuesday. We concluded our

week with the Terry fox run, walk roll and barbeque sale. All proceeds from this week's fund raising will go to the Terry Fox Foundation.

- Coin Drive - \$ 890 Bake Sale - \$ 320 Hotdog Sale – \$600
- This year better will be taking full advantage of the Feeding Futures Program. These are provincial ministry funds that are designed to provide all students barrier free access to food. Students are aware that this food is accessible and that we do not care the reason they may be accessing it. The only ask is that if you take it you are eating in. We don't waste food. There has also been a financial donation to bowls of hope by this program. This has enabled them to provide more soup and more options beyond the soup for students. For example some days we also have mini quiches, sausage rolls, veggies and dip.

Produce gone wild will continue this year to provide has three cases of fruit each week. Typically apples bananas in a seasonal fruit. This week our seasonal fruit is plums.

We will also be accessing the Cisco delivery option. This allows our staff member Julie who overseas the program to order items such as individual cheese slices, yogurt, muffins and a variety of other items. These items support our daily breakfast program and are accessible during lunch service.

Soon will be receiving the 9 bin cart that will provide convenient access throughout the day to food options for students in a food safe manner.

- Athletics started we currently have Cross Country and volleyball taking place. Angela is always looking for coaches for the variety of sports that take place throughout the year. If there is apparent with the skills and desire to support students development in athletics please reach out to Angela Olson.
- September 27th is the school based pro D-Day. This year the district aligned all school based pro D days so the entire district will be on their individual learning days. We are providing our staff a decolonized team building day at cultists lake. Where we are honored to have Chief Mark Point share teachings with us connected to team and can you pulling. We also provide them with some teachings in the local area that will provide them on the land learning experiences that they can bring back to their classrooms. One such activity will be the sharing of some Sepass Poems.
- To help with communication to families we have started Viper voice. This weekly e-mail will go out to all students primary and secondary contacts to ensure that all households are receiving important updates. This means that it is sent to 1120 email accounts with an 80% open rate. It is also connected to our social media accounts an individuals have an opt out button if they wish not to receive the newsletter. If you have anything to add to this newsletter, please send it to the vms-office by Thursday afternoon.
- We also have school messenger which has an app function that allows families to report absences 24/7 without needing to speak to our wonderful office staff. This program also comes with a feature that allows us to messages directly to families account resulting in an alert. We will be using this program for urgent messages only. It also allows us to send messages to a select group of families. For example last week we sent out a reminder message to only the families who had not yet given their students permission to access the Internet and technology. Students with families who have not provided this access will lose their Wi-Fi access on Friday.

- Parent Question- Is the Vending Machine still up and running? It was discussed last year about not having it? Answer- Yes it is still active as there is a contract on it
- Parent Question- Is Viper Vendors still happening this year? Answer: Yes, in a different capacity as it was run by Fuggar and Shea team so with Ms Fuggar having left, the details are being worked out
- Parent Question- How many classes in each grade? Answer- 8 classes of grade 6, 8 classes of grade 7 and 9 classes of grade 8. A district wide boundary review will be happening to be implemented in Sept 2026

DPAC Report (Tai, DPAC Rep)

- First meeting is Thursday Sept 26
- Check out DPAC FB page

New Business

- Fundraising Initiatives to generate funds for the payment of the Embroidery Machine in the Tech classroom. We are running a large amount and want parents to know that there is absolutely no pressure to buy anything but if you are interested in anything, we appreciate the support!
 - Greatest Little Coupon Book (now on sale for \$15 until Oct 15)
 - Purdy Chocolates for Christmas
 - Neufeld's Frozen food for Christmas
 - Christmas Poinsettias?
 - Raffle/ 50/50?
 - Mitchells Soup?
 - Spring Flowers from Little Mountain
 - GiftCards
 - First Aid and Emergency Kits
- Last year the hot lunch made \$2677. It is not intended to be a money maker as to give everyone the opportunity to afford. With the profits a small treat will be purchased and given to every student
- Reminder:Hot lunch:-- Parents, please remind your child if they have ordered hot lunch as it cuts down on the confusion of kids thinking they ordered but actually didn't. If students have any issue relating to hot lunch day of, please find one of the hot lunch parent volunteers who will help sort it out immediately. It is hard to rectify the situation after the fact.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 7PM in the Library and Zoom option