



THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Parent Association Meeting Minutes June 9th 2023

Parent Appreciation Breakfast: 8:30am-9:20am

PA Meeting 9:20-10:30 am

Welcome

- Welcome to all parents - Laura Dykstra - Thanks to everyone who is here, it's a "great crowd...thank you for everything this year! It was a really fabulous year."
- Kindergarten Songs led by Marina: Peace Like a River & ABCya later (?)
- Year-in-Review Video - Thank you to Becky and Sara R. - Not a dry eye in the house!
- Thank You 2022-23 Parent Association - Adrian and Valeria - "It's been an amazing year...it's an amazing experience to support the school in so many different ways."
 - This is Adrian's last year at Village
- Hand over to new PA presidents - Marla and Kristy - "We just wanted to formally thank Adrian and Valeria who have been working tirelessly through the whole transition,"
 - "I'm covered in goosebumps."

Event Updates - Kristy & Marla

- Amazonsmile - finished recently, all told VS received ~ \$650
- Aug 30th Cocktails in the Courtyard / Meet & Greet with Laura
- Sep 8-15 Welcome Coffees
- Sep 10th Orientation/ Back to School BBQ
- First PA Meeting of next school year - September 15th
 - Meetings will almost always be the first Friday of every month. The first meeting will follow welcome coffees.
- September 18-22 Book Fair
- Sep 20th Back to School Night for all parents at 7:30pm (New parent cocktails at 6:30pm)
- Fun Run on October 13 (and sneaker donation) - the shoes will be recycled and we get a portion of money from the recycling. Hold on to ALL your sneakers (kid and adult) over the summer so you can donate them in the fall.

Support Needed

- Sign up for the PA; many chairs still needed

- Primary Greeter/Dismitter
 - Welcome BBQ on 9/10 - we have some volunteers but no chair to coordinate
 - Family Events chairs - events include Pumpkin Picking, Humdingers, Winter Blues Busters, Harvest Fest & Winter Fest,
 - Parent Information Exchange
 - There are explanations of all the events with the sign up sheets
 - **If you don't sign up at the meeting, you can sign up via the WW or the website under the community tab**
- Host Families - Leslie Sanchez - This program means a lot to people, and it's not really a time commitment, it's a feeling that you give to the new families. It's one of the ways for someone who doesn't have a ton of time to make a big impact. It's so warming to know your host family is there for you. Right now the gaps are for 1st and 2nd year primary students - please reach out!
 - Book Fair - Cindy and Raheen - first really big event we have for the school year, runs from 9/18-22, will have two days of set up before and a day of clean up after. We need people to help before, during and after - it doesn't have to be a whole day commitment, come for an hour to help!. Come out and support the school by buying books for your kids and the school; a portion of the proceeds goes to the school.

Other Updates

- Back-to-School Checklist Planner and Summer Mailings - Becky Cohen - went home with the oldest sibling in the family, samples are here at the meeting, feel free to share the fundraising links with people outside the school as well. You can now order school supplies in one fell swoop! You do not need to order everything on the list if you want to reuse items from last year.
 - Doing a big launch of VS spirit wear for spirit days and tie-die days; shirts for Parents, Alum, kids!
 - Brochure for enrichment classes so you can plan for next year now!
- End of Year Picnic - Laura - Going back to 2019 model of picnic, 11:30 - 1 pm. every student received an item to bring in. Students are preparing the dishes to be shared; families should bring your "main course." You may want to bring a blanket and chairs, we will have some tables out, it's a nice way to say goodbye.

Following the Village School Online

- Facebook & Instagram
- Web Page and Calendar
- Parent Portal - it's coming! Veracross will be out over the summer. It's going to have so much more than our old database.