

VMCCA PTSA

Minutes

December 1, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order - President Lucinda Sager

Guest Speaker – Michelle Woods

Bring your own device(BYOD)

Students register a device to use at school. Teachers control the use of the devices in their classroom. There are some devices on hand to borrow. It's up to the parent for permission.

Project Based Learning (PBL)

Students are given a driving question to prompt inquires in order to make discoveries. This helps with the college work environment (real world based learning). Students work in groups with less teacher involvement. Rubric based grading is used.

Approval of the Minutes for 12/1/2015 – Aletha Chrietzberg

Minutes were approved by the members.

Principal's Update - Ashlie Thompson

End of the semester is 12/18/15. Exam schedule is not on the website yet.

Last regular day of school before Holiday Break is 12/14/15

Exams begin 12/15/15 through 12/18/15

Recruitment Fair - Just under 200 applications from new students. 12/18/15 is deadline.

Responses are primarily from the postcards that were mailed to rising 9th & 11th graders.

Question was asked what VMCCA max population was - 540 max.

Question on early arrival – 7am

Treasurer's Update - April Jackson & Katherine Earnhart

April will be the new Treasurer starting in January.

Fundraisers

Donta turned in \$200 from Zaxby's

\$90 raised in painless fundraiser from carpool.

Allscripts co-workers invited for Panera fundraiser.

Our deficit has been reduced.

Current Total Balance in bank \$1169.38

Proposed expenditure costs (future) were discussed and amounts came to just under \$500

Reminder to the members to remember to use Amazon Smile and other store links.

Smile.amazon.com

Student Update - Student Body President Dakota Sager

SGA is trying to get more participation from Sophomores and Juniors in school events. Primary participants are Seniors and Freshmen classes.

Homecoming Dance went well. 60 tickets were sold. There were 20 no shows. There was no profit. The dance broke even.

Prom is being planned for April. Prom Committee discussed possibly doing a service project.

Movie Night is being planned after the 1st of the year.

There is a monthly county SGA meeting. Dakota expressed that she would like to see our SGA represented by attending.

Committee Updates

Celebration Committee – Valerie Kadera

Christmas luncheon for the teachers is 12/18/15 at Noon.

Friday Jan 22, 2016 is the Honor Roll celebrations. Doughnuts and hot chocolate will be served.

Committee requested donations for gifts for the teachers. Heide Rumble is collecting money.

Membership Committee – Donta Jackson

Would like to increase PTSA participation from parents. Maybe host a social?

There was discussion of ideas like contacting parents during Meet the Teacher Night.

Have a brief gathering of parents and then have each Committee give a brief description and flyer handout.

Communication Committee - Amanda Burgess

Panera flyer is on the Web page and Facebook.

Fundraiser Committee - Donta Jackson

Chick-fil-A fundraiser yielded only \$29. It was decided this fundraiser was not worth the time and effort. There were restrictions that prevented us from making much money.

Zaxby's fundraiser raised \$200. This was for all sales with no restrictions. It was decided this was worth doing again.

It was requested to get flyers out for the upcoming Panera Bread fundraiser Thursday night.

The Painless fundraiser was doing well which had raised \$90 so far. Request was made to do another Painless Carpool this month since others were rained out. Flyers will need to be printed.

A request was made to make a flyer for Meet the Teacher Night to show all the upcoming Fundraisers including the store cards and painless fundraisers.

A Silent Auction was discussed for Meet the Teacher Night also.

Q & A

Q: Donta Jackson brought up a concern with her student having too much homework causing a lot of stress. It is so much stress on her daughter that she was losing interest in projects assigned and in the school in general. She was a teacher and wanted to know if the teachers are coordinating homework with each other. Her daughter is spending too many hours doing homework. And she asked if any other parents were seeing that with their student also.

A: Dr. Thompson stated she will remind teachers of the 30 minute rule. She asked parents to keep a log of hours spent on homework at home. She said they were working on an inner-school system communication with the teachers. Homework assignments are discussed with the teachers in their staff meetings. But she would bring it up again gladly.

Adjournment - President Lucinda Sager

All Attending Members:

Lucinda Sager - President
Dakota Sager - SGA President
Yvonne Bryant - Vice President
Valerie Kadera - Hospitality Comm
Heide Rumble - Hospitality Comm
Ashlie Thompson - Principal
Ingrid Bowman – Fundraising Comm
April Jackson - Treasurer
Donta Jackson - Membership Comm
Katherine Ernhart - Retiring Treasurer