

VALENCIA HOME & SCHOOL CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2008

I. Call to Order and Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Heather Jones. President Wendy Clarke was absent.

Present: Jennifer Nowark, Michelle Young, Stephen Young, Kim DeSerpa, Dianna Higginbotham, Christine Cornejo, Dawn Schipper, Kelly Austin, Kate Sandusky.

II. Approval Of Minutes

The December 2007 minutes were approved as written.

II. Principal's Report- Diana Higginbotham

Dianna reported that after all the planning for additional children coming from Park Hurst Community we only received eight students. Those children were absorbed into existing classes so that no children were moved around. The two new teachers who were hired will remain at Valencia and are working with the 2nd and 4th grade classes and on special projects.

The bad news is that the district will need to cut 11 million dollars because of cuts made due to the state budget crisis. Dianna doesn't know what could possibly be cut out at Valencia as we are already a bare bones small school. The district is forming a committee of teachers and parents on how to tackle this crisis. Nicole Dennis is Valencia's representative. There will possibly be a letter writing campaign this month to the Governor and other elected officials.

The good news: The science fair is going on this week. Two of Valencia's students took 1st and 2nd place in the North Zone spelling bee. "Smart boards" are now in 5 classrooms. Story teller, Michael Katz was here last week as a Spectra Arts assembly.

III. President's Report- Reported by Co-Vice Presidents Heather Jones and Christine Cornejo

Mission Statement

Kim DeSerpa presented copies of the proposed mission statement. Discussion took place. Dianna feels it's important to keep "enhance the educational experience" from the original mission statement. It was decided for everyone to review and bring ideas to the next meeting when a vote would take place. See mission Statement below:

Current: The mission of the Valencia H&SC is to fund programs, materials and resources at Valencia in order to support our teachers and enhance the educational experience of our children.

Proposed: The mission of the Valencia Elementary H&SC is to provide monetary support for initiatives and improvements supporting children at the school site.

Sally Foster Bonus Points

We earned 600 bonus points to use on free items in the Sally Foster catalog. It was discussed and decided that the teachers would get the most use out of a digital camera.

Caring Community

The Valencia Caring Community is a group of parents who help families in need by providing dinners. The Frady family is very thankful for the support they have been receiving this month.

Board Nomination Committee

The board is currently looking for someone to spearhead this position. Kate Sandusky did it last year. We are looking for the positions of Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

A comment was made as to the marketing need we have to recruit Kinder and 1st grade parents to the Home and School Club. Kinder round-up is a perfect time to give a presentation/ hand out information about what the H&SC does and the kind of help we need. Kim and Kate said that they could type up a fact sheet about what we're all about for the Kinder round-up in April.

IV. Playground Update

Kim DeSerpa went over the pending and funded grants. So far the grants have brought in \$51,000 towards the Boundless Playground Project. She is currently waiting to hear from 13 which were submitted. Also, Deirdra Kline, a mom at Valencia, is proposing a Seascape golf tournament in which all the proceeds would go toward the Boundless playground Project. The months available would be April or July of this year. Kim will get more information about this next week.

V. Treasurers Report- Renee Roberts

Renee was absent and the financial statement was not reviewed.

VI. Misc.- All Present

The Valencia Home & School Club official letter head was shown by Kate Sandusky. Designed by a parent, Kristan Tyra, discussion was made about adding the tax ID number, how many to order, thank you cards, and just using one color to bring down the cost.

Steve Young, a parent who does wonderful sketches of children/people, spoke about his interest in doing a fundraiser. He showed examples of his work and would like to have a fundraiser with the Walk for the Arts where $\frac{1}{2}$ of his proceeds he would give back to the arts program. He is currently advertising in the monthly View.

VII. The Valencia Home & School Club meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is March 11, 2008 at 10:30 in the library.