

MINUTES
ALEXANDER VALLEY PARENTS CLUB
August 22, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8.23

Teacher's Report

Teachers requested more guidance and time for the Tri-AV-athon. The staff reported on upcoming field trips. Mr. Siegel reported on the 6th grade worm and composting project. This year there will also be a 'green team' led by the 6th graders. Everybody introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

Mr. Raines reported on staff development with outside consultants Merritt Booster and Cindy Polar. School assemblies will be taking place weekly on Monday mornings. He explained the concept of 'Cougar Claws,' a behavioral incentive he has introduced. Discussions are taking place with coach Gate to introduce intra-mural activities. Next Wednesday at the Coffee Klatch, there will be an opportunity to get to know Mr. Raines and discuss the future of AVS.

President's Report

Cindy summarized the purpose of the Parents Club. There was a great response to the volunteer sign-ups. We still require an assistant to help Karen Maley with e-scrip, preferably a Spanish speaker. Activities of the parents club were described as well as the areas that are funded. A member of staff has requested a record player if there is anybody who would like to donate one. For parent's club correspondence there are 2 mail boxes; one in the office and one in the copy room. Look out for HEF (Healdsburg Education Fund) Adopt -a - Class forms in the Tuesday mail. Pamela Swan, the new Executive Director of HEF encouraged donations which are tax deductible and can be made towards any class or program within the school.

Secretary's Report

Thank you letters were read from Peggy Maddock and Cris Harner for start up materials for the new school year and from Shannon Hausmann for Parent Club support throughout 2007-08 year. The May minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Higher interest accounts are being investigated. Balances are checking \$22,382.44 and savings \$116,973.45.

NEW BUSINESS

Tri-AV-athon

Instead of the annual Innisbrook wrapping paper fundraiser, new this year will be the Tri-AV-athon which comprises a walkathon, spelling and Math facts. Some exciting ideas were discussed to make this a fun and successful event on Friday September 19th.

Back to School Night

Thursday September 4th, parents are encouraged to attend their child's class to learn about plans and expectations for the coming year.

Staff shirts

A motion was approved to spend up to \$500 on staff shirts with the AV logo. Additional shirts will be made and offered for sale to help underwrite the cost. Fridays will be school pride day when it is planned that staff will wear these and students can wear the school colors of red and black.

Parking lot

Parking is very congested. There was a reminder that parking is available behind the school. Also options for car-pooling and /or bussing were discussed. It was commented that it may be illegal for our school bus to pick up outside of our district so private options will be explored. Hally Swan requested a follow up on the landscaping and outdoor classroom space in front of the school.

AVS website

Megan Smith did a demo of the updated school website that she has developed. To access go to www.alexandervalleyusd.org.

Speaker system request

Miss Roberts submitted a request to support a hard of hearing student in her class which could ultimately benefit other students too. It was agreed that the request should first be addressed to the school Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Fair will be May 4 - 7.

Escrip A reminder that this is FREE money for the school so please sign up by going to www.escrip.com

Garden Thanks to all parents who took care of the garden over the summer. Thanks also to the 3 parents and staff who went to the Occidental week long training session. A grant is being submitted for the waste reduction program.

Halloween Carnival will be October 31st; a fun filled afternoon for students, staff and parents!

Hot dog day The first day will be Sep 5th and will be every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

Library will begin next week.

Play ground committee will be meeting to move to the next stage of developing a proposal for the playground.

Meeting was adjourned at 10.12.

NEXT MEETING September 12TH AT 8.15 A.M. in the library.