

**Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes By Johanna Santinho**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 3:30 PM**  
**Location: Media Center**  
**Quorum MET**

- I. Call to Order: Holly Nover
  - a. Motion to move agenda item VI 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Level Spotlight to item III
    - i. Motion to approve made by Katie Scott
    - ii. Motion to approve second by Cathy Prohofsky
- II. Review of October Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve made by Ashley Schaefer
  - b. Motion to approve second by Laura Mitchell
- III. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Level Spotlight: Kim Bostic
  - a. An overview and Power Point presented
  - b. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students shared: comparison of response to children of the Maya to the children of US Native American and information about their Whitney Marine Science Lab Field Study
- IV. SAC Funds - Professional Development Follow-up/Summary:
  - a. Haley Alvarado – Kindergarten Teacher
    - i. Attended 14 different training sessions
    - ii. Provided hands on strategies with her team of teachers/ colleagues
    - iii. One big take-away that can be applied to all grades is the power of creating a classroom and climate of learners so that kids feel free to take risks
    - iv. Powerful and fun to share with other teachers
  - b. Kathryn Frericks – Middle School Art Teacher
    - i. Facilitated two STEAM programs focused in engineering and in problem solving
    - ii. There were opportunities for teachers to be students
    - iii. Opportunity to learn and collaborate from other teachers
    - iv. They discussed art and various cultural similarities and differences
    - v. Two sessions affected Ms. Frericks, the first was how to advocate for your program and the second was healing with your community within the arts
  - c. Shannon Ayrish Booyesen – Media Specialist
    - i. She looks forward to bringing back authors
    - ii. Handimals by Silvia Lopez was a book that Ms. Booyesen felt crossed curriculum with art
    - iii. She brought back many books to keep middle schools reading
- V. School Board Update: Kelly Barrera
  - a. School Board voted to move forward with MM the new K8 school (1500 seat school)
  - b. Approved 5 year district plan with a Liberty Pines classroom expansion, as well as South Woods expansion, an additional K8 and a new high school (zoning will be decided first by high school then by K8)
  - c. Projected to open a new school per year in the next 5 years
- VI. Principal Update: Sandra McMandon
  - a. Fun Run is approaching (11/22), teacher kick off occurred today, pep rally will be held tomorrow
  - b. Mr. Burk is our new band teacher and the students are showing excitement
    - i. Working well with his colleagues and with Ms. Knoblauch (elementary music teacher) and enlisting and growing a middle school band program

- ii. Beginnings of a Jazz band is occurring
- c. Interims come out this week, communication with parents to check HAC
- d. Making sure that continuum of learning increases and the conversation for us becomes what can we do for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help them to bridge the transitions, they are already doing well academically but how can we support that transition from that 8<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> year.
- e. Ms. McMandon met with Nease Principal and will meet again in January to have that conversation about the social emotional part of transitioning
- VII. World Languages & Career Technical Education (CTE) Adoption: Johanna Santinho
  - a. Our district is in the process of developing committees to review textbooks that align to FL Foreign Language Curriculum
  - b. VRA's committee is composed of Johanna Santinho, AP James LEE, and SAC members Melanie Armour and Javelyn Arvay
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. No old business
- IX. New Business
  - a. No New Business
- X. Adjournment at 4:30
  - a. Motion to approve made by Melanie Armour
  - b. Motion to approve second by Javelyn Arvay

Next Meeting January 14

