

**Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes by Johanna Santinho**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 3:30 PM**  
**Location: Media Center**  
**Quorum MET**

- I. Call to Order: Holly Nover
- II. Review of January Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to amend line VII, b. from TOE to TOY
    - i. Motion to approve Laura Mitchell
    - ii. Motion seconded by Ashley Schaefer
  - b. Motion to approve minutes by Karen Gangi
  - c. Minutes Seconded by Ashley Schaefer
- III. 3rd Grade Level Spotlight
  - a. Presented by students & Lydia Yeoman
- IV. Soaring High Spotlight
  - a. Presented by Julie Hudson, Melissa Whitehead, & Linda Goodwin
  - b. The soaring High Community Outreach – Mission and Vision
    - i. A discussion of the initial focus and identified students
    - ii. Ms. Hudson presented the data showing progress in our students
    - iii. Soaring High Camp
      - 1. Ms. Whitehead shares the daily experience of the Soaring High Camp
      - 2. Hugs Across the County with high school families that support food banks
      - 3. This year the Soaring High Club includes: come after school and get a snack, receive tutoring, complete homework, work on projects, activities that support students in need after hours
      - 4. The students also give back to the community - starting the Rock Kindness Movement
      - 5. Other Outreach Experiences
        - a. Back to School Bash
      - 6. Ms. Hudson talked about the benefits for High School Students
      - 7. Ms. Whitehead talked about the accomplishments thus far
        - a. Such as improved relationships
        - b. improvement in grades
- V. SAC Needs Assessment Survey Reminder
  - a. February 7 – 22
  - b. 216 parents 6% completed the survey and we have not met the minimum percentage
  - c. Ms. McMandon will push out again to get the word out for the survey
  - d. The window closes February 22nd
- VI. School Board Update: Kelly Barrera
  - a. Ms. Barrera shared about the town hall meetings for February 24<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> for the new High School
  - b. The county is currently meeting with the winning bid contractors
  - c. Valley Ridge Academy was a huge part of achieving the half cent sales tax and that was a great part in funding the new High School
  - d. The 5 year work plan does have another K-8 and another High school and they are funded within the work plan
  - e. Teacher of the Year was a great celebration earlier this month
    - i. A special mention was made to our VRA TOY Aletha Dresback
- VII. Principal Update: Sandra McMandon
  - a. At the PTO meeting, we are looking at next year
  - b. We are looking at electives for the next year
  - c. We are always looking for proctors and volunteers to make sure state and district assessments are given with fidelity

- d. Mr. Lee shares that the testing schedules are shared on our website, and they are subject to change
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. No old Business
- IX. New Business
  - a. Funds Request Guidelines – SAC Subcommittee – Karen Gangi (Chair)
  - b. Purpose
    - i. Their subcommittee has proposed that once teachers request funds, we ask them to step out and then have an open discussion
    - ii. The committee found the county form too general and thus the form has been modified to reflect information pivotal to the decision of the SAC funds
    - iii. The plan is to guard the monies and guarantee the results come back to the school
    - iv. The revised form serves as guidelines to the decision making process
    - v. Melanie Armour will share this guideline with the PTO board
    - vi. Ms. McMandon adds that the goal is to bring the focus to how does this investment support our lowest quartile and school focus
- X. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn made by JP Anunciación
  - b. Motion to second made by Laura Mitchell

Next Meeting March 10

