

Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes by Ashley Schaefer

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 3:30 PM

Location: Media Center and Microsoft Teams

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- I. Call to Order: Holly Nover
 - a. Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. Review of December Meeting Minutes
- III. Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes
 - a. 1st motion to approve Jennifer Schmutz
 - b. 2nd motion to approve Kimberley Sanders
 - c. All in favor
- IV. School Board update: Kelly Barrera
 - a. School Board Meeting- The Board had the great privilege and honor of recognizing all the rookie teachers of the year, teachers of the year, the assistant principal and principal of the year. Recognition was done virtual this year.
 - b. Recognition of the Scholarship award winners to include the Elaine Crutchfield scholarship, Elaine Crutchfield was an educator for 29 years.
 - c. Sales Tax Report-The sales tax committee gave a progress report on the sales tax. Mr. Mignon stated it would be a great opportunity to have SAC committees invite a citizens sales tax advisory representative to provide an update on the sales tax. There were some dips in the sales tax, but the sales tax revenue is up and 10 million is being used for school MM. In addition, the money also paid for security updates and technology that was purchased back in March.
 - d. Programs of Choice-The Virtual High School showcase for the different programs of choice has started today, it goes from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., it is being done virtually. All 8th graders and current 9th graders can participate in completing an application for the programs of choice.
 - e. Spelling Bee-There will be a spelling bee this Wednesday.
- V. Principal Update: Provided by Assistant Principal James Lee
 - a. Calendar Events-The second semester will start on January 25th. The extra hour early release will end January 20th. Traditional early release will start the Wednesday after the semester ends. January 18th is a holiday and January 29 is a teacher planning day, students will not be on campus those two days.
 - b. Testing-Middle school students will have district created finals for the semester length courses, which is primarily the electives. The elementary students are in engaged in the second round of I-ready diagnostics.
 - c. Distance Learners-Middle school students who are distance learners will have to come on campus to take district created finals. These students will have to schedule a time to come in and take the tests in a proctored environment, which is on campus. VRA will assure that the appropriate accommodations and the appropriate preparations are made for those students coming on campus. VRA will limit the number of students in the testing room and limit the exposure though out the school. VRA will create the best testing environment for those distance learners coming on campus.
 - d. Second semester-At the start of the second semester, under 8% of VRA will be Distance learning, there are many students returning to VRA from Distance learning for the second semester.
 - e. Basketball games-Basketball games will begin for VRA in February, they will be conducted the same way as Volleyball games were. There will be limited capacity in the gym and all tickets will be pre-sold on-line. There will be no walk-up ticket sales. If VRA is hosting the game, a link will go out to our families first, then sales will be open to the public.
- VI. Old Business
- VII. a. No old business
- VIII. New Business

- a. No new Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn
 - a. 1st motion to adjourn Jennifer Schmutz
 - b. 2nd motion to adjourn Kimberley Sanders
 - c. All in favor
- X. Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting-February 9