**Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 4pm Location: Media Center**

**Quorum: ESTABLISHED**

1. Call to Order: Samantha Calascione
2. Welcome
3. New Business
   1. Motion was made to approve the minutes for February 2025. The motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
   2. VRA’s Elementary Battle of the Books team came in first place in the Elementary North Competition. This is a first for VRA. The team consisted of 3 fourth grade students and 1 fifth grade student.
   3. A promotional video for Soaring High was shown to highlight the program which includes monthly sessions during school and a summer camp. This program supports students who need extra assistance due to environmental factors.
4. Review of Finances
   1. SAC $20,744.04
   2. School recognition funds $108,575.01
   3. Funds Request – 2nd Grade submitted a request in the amount of $2797.29 for Fundations Level 2 Phonics Decodable Readers to support student instruction. This amount would purchase 2 kits that would be shared between 2 teachers. A motion was made to approve this request and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
   4. Funds Request – 3rd grade submitted a request in the amount of $349.50 to purchase 50 copies of Bunnicula which would allow each student to have their own copy to use when reading and completing study guides. The school already owns 95 copies. A motion was made to approve this request and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. School Board Update: Ms. Kelly Barrera joined via phone.
   1. The District is very appreciative for parents who responded to the call to action and called their legislators to not cut funding for CTE, AP, IB, etc. These funds help to support programs and provide staff to our schools.
   2. The superintendent search is well underway. 10 semi-finalists have been selected. The list of finalists will be announced soon. On May 12th, the community will have the opportunity to meet the finalists for the position in person.
6. Principal Update: Ms. Fuller
   1. Staff have voted on the school recognition funds. They had two options to select from. Option A received 43 votes. Option B received 28 votes. A motion was made to approve the staff choice and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
   2. The SAC parent results are in. 436 responses were started, however 308 were blank surveys. Ms. Fuller went through the results and overall, results were very favorable.
   3. Testing is underway. Offering lunch to parents who signed up for proctoring slots has been very successful. 90% of the slots were filled within 6 hours. There are a few more spots to fill in 5th grade and middle school.
   4. Ms. Fuller has her final budget meeting next Tuesday. We are projected to have 660 students in K-5.
   5. Wednesday, April 23rd Kindergarten is having a sneak peak from 5:30-6:30. Parents and students will get to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and have a story in the media center.
7. Closing Thoughts, Comments, and/or Questions: None
8. Adjournment – at 4:45pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025, at 4:00pm in the media center.
   1. Motion to adjourn was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously.