**Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 25, 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.
4. Review of Finances –
   1. SAC $20,744.04
   2. School recognition funds $108,575.01
   3. It was noted that the balance of the SAC funds is lower than the previous month due to the purchase of the Grade 1 decodable phonics readers and that shipping changed the total of the request that was initially submitted.
   4. Ms. Tozer asked about using SAC funds to purchase Art supplies. Ms. Fuller explained that the funds can only be used to support the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The goals of the plan are guided by the District which include a goal for students with disabilities, a goal for reading, and a goal for Character Counts (PBIS)
5. School Board Update: Ms. Kelly Barrera was unable to attend.
6. Principal Update: Ms. Fuller
   1. The school budgets for next year were given to principals over spring break. The District has been hit hard due to vouchers, lower enrollment and the costs of building of new schools. VRA is projected to have less than 1100 students next year. This means the school will lose an AP, 5 teacher positions, 1.5 clerk positions, and a custodian. VRA is projected to only have 4 kindergarten classes, 4 first grade classes, and 6 second grade classes. Ms. Fuller doesn’t take these cuts lightly and this is the hardest part of her job. VRA has good people, and it is hard to think of losing anyone, but Ms. Fuller has no choice. We are not the only school in this area with the lower enrollment situation. The principals have asked that rezoning for all of Nocatee be considered when rezoning for the new school that is coming next year to Sea Brook.
   2. The superintendent search is underway. Applications will be accepted from March 3rd until March 28th. Semi-finalists will be announced April 10th and the finalists will be revealed in May. There will be community meet and greets with each of the finalists.
7. Closing Thoughts, Comments, and/or Questions:
   1. At the April meeting, the SAC survey results will be reviewed. Ms. Calascione stated that over 300 surveys were started but the final step of hitting submit hasn’t happened. We have over 100 completed surveys currently. She will send out a remind to everyone to complete the survey by the end of the week. Ms. Calascione will also be sending out a needs survey to the SAC committee this week and she asked that everyone please complete it.
8. Adjournment – at 4:45pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025 at 4:00pm in the media center.
   1. Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.