

Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 20025 @ 4pm Location: Media Center

Quorum: ESTABLISHED

- I. Call to Order: Samantha Calascione
- II. Welcome
- III. New Business
 - a. Required presentation – Voting and Membership
 - b. Motion was made to approve the minutes for May 2025. The motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Review of Finances - these balances are a carryover from May. Funds for this year have not been released yet.
 - a. SAC funds balance is \$25, 630.18
 - b. School recognition funds \$95,267.36
- V. Request for Funds – Ms. Willams presented a request from 2nd grade to purchase additional copies of Magic Tree House – *Thanksgiving on Thursday* as well as *The Haunted Library*. These books will be used to introduce novel studies to 2nd grade students. Both titles went through the novel approval process last school year and were cleared by Administration. Total cost for the books is \$945.00. Motion was made and seconded to approve this request. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Media Advisory Committee – Ms. Barnett spoke to SAC about the purpose of the media advisory committee and requested that anyone interested in serving on this committee to please contact her.
- VII. Textbook Adoption – Ms. Gransauil presented information on the ELA and PE adoption. For ELA there are three sets of curriculum that need to be reviewed and rated by parents and community members. Portions of the series are available for online review, but not everything. There is a rubric to complete on each series. Anyone who wishes to review the curriculum was asked to contact Ms. Gransauil so that time to review the materials can be coordinated and paperwork signed. Several parents indicated their willingness to serve in this capacity.
- VIII. School Board Update: Ms. Kelly Barrera was unable to provide a school board update.
- IX. Principal Update: Ms. Fuller
 - a. The school year has started smoothly. We have approximately 100 fewer students than last year. VRA is the 2nd smallest K8. Only Hallows Cove Academy is smaller, but they don't have 8th grade students this year. We currently have 77 first graders and 72 kindergarten students. Hopefully rezoning will help our size and/or it is possible we will become a school for controlled open enrollment.
 - b. All staff positions are filled.
 - c. Administration is down by one assistant principal this year. Many of our kindergarten students have never been to school before which is causing some heightened transition issues from home to the school setting.

- d. Please note that the District is taking a strong stance that since the St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association is a third party, there must be a clear line between the two. Schools will no longer be allowed to put these teams in the yearbook, on the school website, PTO Facebook pages, house trophies, or give posted school recognition of any kind.
- X. Closing Thoughts, Comments, and/or Questions:
 - a. Ms. Calascione asked that everyone review the drafted bylaws prior to the next meeting.
 - b. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025, in the Media Center.
- XI. Adjournment – 4:45pm.
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously.