

Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Call to Order (Holly Southworth) at 3:32pm

December Minutes Reviewed and Approved

School Board Update: Kelly Barrera

- Company coming to SJCSD to provide mentoring services as a pilot to six schools for six months. They will be working with students as mentors to provide contact with teachers and students. There is no cost to the district for the services. The service providers are specifically trained and educated to work as mentors/counselors with students.
- Solution Tree came to the district to discuss our PLCs in the district and how to refine and improve our best practices in operating effective school PLCs.
- New principals announced at Palencia, Catherine Peralta and Ocean Palms, Tiffany Cantwell, as well as KK, Jessica Richardson and LL, Allen Anderson.
- Flashing signal update: the needed part is on order and hoping for a February completion date.

Principal Update: James Lee

- PLC day was excellent. Solution Tree offered a lot of information as well as other schools that are seeing great PLC practices in place.
- Mr. Anderson (LL) and Mrs. Richardson (KK) visited VRA today to experience the K-8 environment. Community outreach sessions will start soon.
- 8th grade transition meetings will be starting soon.
- Basketball season starts next week @ 5:30 Monday at Landrum.
- Report cards come out January 19th. Parents are encouraged to reach out to parents for conferences to discuss academics and/or other concerns.
- Family Bingo and Family Bonding night was a huge success (Brian Gifford, Dean)

Old Business

- Increase multiculturalism- Proposal to possibly use of unused bulletin boards for Multicultural awareness. If you would like to volunteer time and talent to manage this task email Holly S.
- Business Partner, Dr. Abigail Levrini: Licensed Psychologist, Author, Speaker & AD/HD Coach Founder, Psych Ed Connections will be here next month for a professional talk session on social/emotional development and needs of children, general anxiety, and other concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53pm