

PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT PTO MEETING, February 11, 2010
Valley High School/Valley Southwoods PTO Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009

Welcome/Introductions – Jesse Moreno and Tina Neustrom

The meeting was called to order by Co-President, Jesse Moreno at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley Southwoods Forum. PTO Board members and committee chairs introduced themselves.

Attendance

Mary Ellerbroek, Anne Baumhover, Geniece Wright, Nancy Helland, Shelly Peterson, Joe Burvee, Cathy Cory, Sherry Thompkins, Barb Stagg, Sarah Seltz, Julie Slater, Travis Sutton, Teresa Sutton, Deb Lind, Jessica Stutz, Jesse Moreno, Tina Neustrom, Kari Schulte, Juhree Wendl, Rich Pullen, Patti Splavec, Nan Hahn, Julie Moore, Mr. Kent Abrahamson and Dr. Vicky Poole.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Poole and Mr. Abrahamson reviewed the school district's discipline, alcoholic beverage and controlled substance policies. Student safety is a school administration priority, thus revisions were made to all three policies this summer, with first time offenses having more strict and immediate disciplinary action. Dress codes were discussed. It is ultimately the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is dressed appropriately for school.

Principal's Report – Open Forum

Dr. Poole and Mr. Abrahamson shared information on Homecoming week activities. They asked parents to encourage their children to attend the activities and dance. Information was shared about Saturday school opportunities including academic resource and "catch up" time.

Secretary's Report/Minutes Approval – Kari Schulte

Minutes from the April 16, 2009 meeting were read and approved. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Burvee

Joe distributed the Valley/VSW Auditing Procedures and the current school year's Budget Worksheet. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

VHS Registration – Nancy Helland thanked her committee and gave a recap of the registration process. All went very smoothly with minor suggestions for next year's registration.

VHS Volunteer Coordinators – Nan Hahn recapped the number of volunteers/volunteer hours needed to run registration. Total number of volunteers for 09-10 was 262.

VSW Volunteer Coordinators – Mary Ellerbroek reported that all is well with the VSW volunteers, and more volunteers are always needed.

Membership – Patti Splavec reported that membership is still trickling in. The membership form was accidentally omitted from the VSW registration packet, thus the member numbers are a little low this year.

VSW Hospitality – Julie Slater reported that they have not had any activity yet.

VHS Hospitality – Sherri Thompkins did not have a report. No activity yet.

Community Ed Advisory – Jesse Moreno reported that Community Ed recently hosted two Get Connected events at the junior high schools for parents of 4-7th grade students. Break out sessions included internet safety, peer pressure, homework guidelines, etc. Community Education is currently doing a needs assessment. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail them to Jesse.

School Community Network – Juhree Wendl and Mary Ellerbroek reported. Jungle Boogie is this year's Homecoming week theme. An activity fair has already been held to encourage students to get involved at VHS. There is a new International Committee at VHS, with an emphasis on encouraging students to be a part of our global community. International Night will be held March 5, 2010. The PPEL vote passed, which will enable the district to continue making improvements to our infrastructure, transportation system and technology. Projects that are on the schedule for renovation include the VHS auditorium and chemistry labs. Mary reported that Illumifest will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009.

Athletic Boosters – Rich Pullen reported. The Valley merchandise store will go online in October, and purchases may now be made with a credit/debit card. Rhonda Dilley has been working to increase revenue in the merchandise store. The athletic boosters would like to have more students involved in their volunteer efforts. Booster membership tracking was discussed.

Band Boosters – Nancy Helland and Kari Schulte reported. ValleyFest will be held Saturday, October 10th at the Valley Stadium from 7am-11:30pm. 36 bands from Iowa and surrounding states will be participating. Many volunteers are needed. Non-band students may volunteer and receive Silver Cord hours. The band will be in 4 competitions this fall.

Valley Voices – No report submitted.

After Prom – Melodee Pomerantz, Kathy Craven and Judy Sharpe are co-chairing After-Prom. The theme this year will be Mardi Gras.

New Business – No new business.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2010 at Valley High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Schulte