

Vieja Valley General PTA Meeting March, 17 2011

1. Paige presented minutes from 1/20/11.
 - a. Mariann had one correction GATE not 'Gait'.
 - b. Paige made motion to approve. Katy 2nds. Minutes approved.
2. Alix read the board positions for 2011-12.
 - a. Andrea Carrera moves to approve board and Greg Stevens 2nds.
3. Teacher presentation on enrichment at VV.
 - a. Heiduk & Johnson made presentation.
 - b. Attended CAG conference recently.
 - c. How teachers handle enrichment in daily classroom, not just the GATE program.
 - d. Acceleration: They divide kids into groups based on their level.
 - e. Novelty: independent studies, project based learning, tests, creative writing.
 - f. Depth: getting into details, trends over time, patterns, analysis.
 - g. Try to make enrichment transparent in the classroom. May give students who are in advanced in a subject a more challenging assignment.
 - h. Sahara's Mom asked about child being taken out of advanced reading group when she was uncomfortable with subject of a book. She asked how the teachers would handle this. They said on an individual basis.
 - i. Paige asked about classroom economies, and they said they are doing that in 4th grade, but it is not standard, it is up to the individual teacher.
 - j. Andrea said she thinks parents should be more notified about subjects taught in class. Teachers said standards are published on line, and they can't report everything.
 - k. Teachers are not required to provide newsletters, but Mariann said she thinks they do.
 - l. Paige asked if there is anything new they have learned about.
4. Greg first 3 Fridays in April advanced programming classes in 4-6 grades.
 - a. Deeper programming knowledge, enrichment. Paige asked is it after school, and he said no it is on 3 Friday afternoons. Greg makes an announcement to students and teachers, and based on student interest and workload they make up a classroom of students.
 - b. Uses program called Micro Worlds. It is a \$90 program. If you purchase at least you can get it for \$35. Parents could sign up for home licenses and take advantage of the discount. Greg said he will send info to Paige, and she will put it in the Charger and notify PTA.
5. Kyle & Katy move to approve checks written #5755 to 5769. Greg seconds. Motion approved.
6. Jog-a-thon needs volunteers.
7. Science Night needs volunteers.
8. Andrea reported on solar panel revised plan. MPR remodel has been revised and scaled back due to budget expansion issues. State is taking back a greater Fair Share Reduction than expected. It is \$200k more for our whole district.
9. Marina reporting on Operations. Disaster drill is tomorrow. Need parents to help with mock child checkout. Fire Dept. will be here.

10. Marina thanked parents for helping with parking duty.
11. Principal Report: K registration is happening now. Parent meeting on Tuesday. Screening in April. Cyndi asked about class size.
12. Nubia commented that maintaining a Homework Club is important to her.
13. Cindy Norman said it has to be open to everyone if PTA supports it.
14. Paige said that is a guideline and not a rule. Cindy disagreed.
15. Cyndi Young said computers need to be supported.
16. Alix said having an after school homework/rec program would be very helpful. She is interested in supporting that.
17. Cyndi commented that the Lauderdale family offers after school child care.
18. Greg said he is happy to open up the computer lab to support any of these programs.
19. Cyndi said keep in mind that classroom aide time is likely.
20. Move next PTA general meeting date to Wed. May 25th, 6:30pm to avoid conflict with Spring Sing.
 - a. Spring Sing is on May 19th
 - b. Alix moves to and Cyndi 2nds.
21. Meeting adjourned at 10am.