

# Vermilion Elementary School Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes

### March 22, 2022

- Call to order
  - 7:01pm meeting called to order
- Introductions
  - In attendance: Rochelle Horne, Darcie Maier, Sheila Doherty, Jerri-Lyn Visser, Jim King, Darla Yonkman, Amy Eyben, Adrienne Joa, Mason Herzog, Kirsten Burns
- VES Bouquets
  - Appreciating the ability to see faces and smiling students and teachers.
- Review of last meeting minutes
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- Additions/Changes to the Agenda
  - Mason Herzog-Student Information Coordinator- gave parent council a presentation on BTPS parent portal.
- BTPS parent portal presentation:
  - In the parent portal you can view grades (current and history), teacher comments and busing information.
  - Desktop version has more detail and history of students. You can print from this site. Offers details on fees
  - Mobile version only offers the current school years information-what is currently active. Best used for a quick reference, gives you a glance, calendar
- Board Report
  - AB school board association is currently writing a letter to the minister of Education on the concerns around the new curriculum. Our BTPS board is also writing a letter with concerns.
  - At board meetings students come and ask questions and the board members really value their time and what questions they present with.
  - Preliminary AB budget concern is that \$70 million dollars is allocated towards charter schools.
  - April 29 is the superintendent public speaker speeches.
  - Board's priorities are being a collective voice, funding and curriculum. Any questions or concerns please reach out to a board member.
  - Vermilion Outreach is an alternative learning center.

- o International student program was launched 3 or 4 years ago and was tabled from the pandemic and will continue to be tabled.
  - o The Kitscoty/Paradise Valley area electoral trustee resigned- there is concern that they are not being represented at the board level. This spot will be filled in the fall.
  - o A parent brought forward a suggestion to fill the position with an unsuccessful candidate from the previous election. Parent council learned that the by laws would not allow that as an option and a new election has to take place.
- Administrator's Report
    - o Hometown hero Jolan Wong was a past student of VES and engaged the students with an incredibly inspiring talk. Jolan answered many questions from students and we learnt that her favorite sport is hockey!
    - o The administration is very excited for things to open up again.
    - o School will continue with the current time table and split recesses until the end of the year.
    - o Student teacher interviews will be held in person and by phone this month. Our teachers have discovered that phone interviews are more popular.
    - o Kindergarten orientation is coming up on April 11 and will be in person from 7-8pm in the school. There is an online version available for those that are unable to attend or prefer virtual.
    - o Our spring book fair will continue online as this had to be booked in the fall.
  - Hot Lunch
    - o Very grateful to have hot lunch in the school.
    - o Hot lunch will continue with the same practices as the start of the year for now.
    - o Hot lunch would like to find more individuals that can assist when original staff is ill or sick.
  - Correspondence/notes
    - o Received an envelope of different fundraiser ideas that will be shared with the hot lunch committee.
  - Adjournment and set next meeting date
    - o Meeting is adjourned at 8:06pm and the next meeting is Tuesday April 26, 2022.