

Governance Council
Verona Area International School
VAIS/NCS LMC
Verona, Wisconsin
Monday, October 9, 2023
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

James Kokalj, Pres.
Patty Arifin, V. Pres.
Brandon Braithwaite,
Secretary.
Evan Henderson,
Treasurer

VAIS Staff
Sally Parks, Director
Yingying Reiter
Sarah Shaw

Parent Representatives
Aaron Edwards-Miller
Kelly Gibson
Steve Kean
Zachary Mordh

Agenda

Presenter

1. Welcome (5 mins)

J. Kokalj

2. [Approval of Minutes](#) (5 min)

J. Kokalj

Kelly motioned. Steve second. Motion approved.

3. Site Based Leadership Team Update (5 min)

SBLT Member

Been focusing on:

Disciplinary literacy

Collaboration within teams of teachers

Lisa Frelich here next month

4. [Equity Framework](#) (20 min)

S. Parks

Review the equity framework for themes/impacts that are significant to us at VAIS.

5. [Directors Report](#) (20 min)

S. Parks

a. Professional Learning Communities and Continuous Improvement Work

b. Cultural Events & Confucius Classroom

c. Mandarin Curriculum Resources

d. Family Conferences

e. Homecoming Week Special Days

f. Event Planning Reminder

6. Swimming Goggles Request

J. Kokalj

Mr. Dresen is asking for \$75 from VAIS to buy extra goggles for kids who may forget or not have goggles. Discussion around GC reluctant to approve line by line items but instead use existing budget categories to cover minor expenses.

7. Transition to Middle School discussion (10 min)

J. Kokalj/S. Shaw

Discussion regarding how to help our students successfully transition to middle school. Deliverable may include a guide, newsletter, page on website, etc.

8. Committee Reports Updates (20 min)

- a. Budget Committee E. Henderson
 - i.  VAIS_Budget 2023-24
- b. Fundraising Committee J. Kokalj

We raised \$2,918 for the color run. Future ideas can include selling additional color packs and t-shirts.

For October, we are running a concession stand at a UW basketball game. Sign ups should come out this week.

We have been brainstorming different ways to recognize people who donate for Giving Tuesday. If anyone from GC has suggestions, we would really appreciate it!

- c. Outreach Committee K. Gibson
 - i. This year's recruiting events:
 1. November 4, 2023 Kids Expo 9am-12noon
 2. November 16, 2023 VAIS Tour 9am
 3. December 12, 2023 VAIS Tour 7:45am
 4. January 11, 2024 VASD Kindergarten Night 5:30-7:30pm
 5. January 18, 2024 VAIS Tour 7:45am
 6. January 27, 2024 Chinese Mini-School at VAIS 8:30-10:45am
 7. January/February 2024 Verona library display (install 1/13-14, tear down 2/10-2/11)
 8. February 9, 2024 CNY Showcase at Middle School
 9. February 10, 2024 Chinese New Year Celebration at Verona Public Library
- d. Parent Engagement J. Tzeng

Celebrating Past Successes:

- Volunteer Recruitment
 - Recruitment for all committees in Sept newsletter - Jenn
 - Booth at back to school night in Sept 21 - thanks Kelly and Paige
- Volunteer background check form posted to Facebook and newsletter - Thanks **Kendall**
- Parent Social/PE kick off event well attended! - Thanks Grace!
- Ice Age Trail Hike - Oct 7, 10am; Badger Prairie Park - attended by two families.

Upcoming Activities:

Homecoming Dress up days started today!

Parade - Oct 13, 4pm - Jenn:

Need to review budget for this event with Evan

Coordinated with middle and high school students

Sockobter is not being done this year. Will do food drives in November instead

Parent/Teacher Conferences - meals for teachers- Oct 12, 3-6pm.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44A9A828A4FA7-44535258-dinner>

Fall Family Party - Diana has reserved Harriet Park for 10/28 3-5 p.m

Classroom Parties - Fall, Nov 2. SUG coming soon!

November Dad's Night Out - Kendall will arrange

9. Family Trip to China Info (*15 min*)

T. Mueller

Brandon to start FAQ for family email on Monday, Oct 16.

10. Other Business (*5 min*)

J. Kokalj

11. Adjourn

Adjourned at 9:08pm.