

Governance Council
Verona Area International School
VAIS/NCS LMC
Verona, Wisconsin
Monday, November 13, 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

Others
Jenn Tzeng
Katie Bhandere
Lisa Froelich

(Red are not present)

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1. Welcome (5 mins)	J. Kokalj
2. Approval of Minutes (5 min)	J. Kokalj
a. Motion to approve by Evan. 2nded by Kelly. Motion passes.	
3. Site Based Leadership Team Update (5 min)	L. Froelich
4. Directors Report (20 min)	S. Parks
a. Professional Development	
b. Mandarin Curriculum Update	
c. Outreach Plans	
d. Literacy Committee	
e. Cultural Events & Confucius Classroom	
f. Event Planning Reminder	
5. Committee Reports Updates (20 min)	
a. Budget Committee	E. Henderson
i.  VAIS_Budget 2023-24	
ii. Directory still in progress. Aiming by Thanksgiving.	
b. Fundraising Committee	J. Kokalj
No update provided by Joanne. Holiday guide in progress. Giving Tuesday on the horizon.	
c. Outreach Committee	K. Gibson

Kids Expo was Nov 4 and went well. Tour this Thursday and then December, and then info night is Jan 11. All recruitment volunteer slots are full. Waiting on K mailing list from District, then that mailing will go out.

Next meeting is December 13.

There are 8 anticipated younger siblings projected for K, so need to 'recruit' 14 students.

d. Parent Engagement

J. Kokalj

Celebrating Past Successes:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences - Thank you **Lizzy!** The teachers love the meals on their long day
- Homecoming Dress Up Days were so fun! - Thank you **Diana** for the daily posts and photos
- Homecoming parade canceled due to rain
- November Food Drives - **Kelsey** is working with Sara Shaw
 - Note: Sockobter is not being done this year. Will do food drives in November instead
- Fall Family Party - **Diana** did a great job!
- Classroom Parties - Fall, Nov 2. Thank you parent volunteers! Especially **April!**
- Kids Expo - thank you volunteers! Lots of new faces :) - **Kristin, Katie, Lily**

Upcoming Activities:

- November Dad's Night Out
 - Details: November 14, 6pm at Wisconsin Brewing Company in Verona - Trivia runs from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Looking for DAD to run point.
- Tea Party Cultural Event at school - Cissy Zhang is main point of contact; may need parent volunteers
- December Mom's Night Out
 - Dec 12, 7:30pm - Jenn's house; games; bring snack or drink;
- December Fun Fridays: Staff Appreciation
- Community Gathering - Dec 20 7:35am - 8:00am
 - Volunteer will make Facebook posts with Community Gathering FAQs!
- Classroom Parties - Winter Dec 21
- Lunar New Year - Parent Engagement will do social media campaign to help get parents involved/knowledgeable about Chinese New Year. Examples: share local events, favorite restaurants, recipes, and ideas for celebrating at home

6. Other Business (5 min)

J. Kokalj

None.

7. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:05.