

Louise Van Meter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
Clay Room

Attendees: Holly Schroeder, Monique Orzechowski, Shari Reich, Renee Shaeffer, Jamie Fumia, Avery Kaufman, Jessica Williams, Rick Rauscher, and meeting minutes by Jackie Kumar

1. Call to order at 8:40am - Holly
2. Approve minutes from previous meeting - Holly
  - a. H&SC Executive Meeting motion to approve by Avery, seconded by Renee, approved by all
3. Principal's report
  - a. LGUSD Guest Artist, Jemal Diamond, will be coming to Van Meter on Tuesday, March 22nd. Mr. Diamond is a San Jose based artist whose work is doodle inspired.
  - b. Solar panel installation starting Monday, 3/14. Will be losing blacktop space. Mobilization will begin and close off blacktop from bball courts to playground for remainder of school year. Losing ball walls and four-square area. Will not impact where kids are eating.
  - c. Book Fair has been a success
  - d. Stampede will be on the field this year. Grade-level field activities.
  - e. Students won't be required to wear masks as of Monday, 3/14.
  - f. Corridors will also be redone in summer, life lab installation, and spongy surface on playgrounds
  - g. Project-Based Learning (PBL) - help transform how we shape the academic experience for students; H&SC may run professional development, supplies in classroom and STEAM lab; teachers being trained during summer
  - h. Service Above Self - during school hours and act of parents will be to help pack boxes; care packages with House of Hope
  - i. Inclusive Sensory Playground - addition of equipment in all playgrounds; H&SC may fund water play structures for Kinder playground; District will fund tambark removal and equipment
  - j. Valley Water to present to staff and see level of commitment to have them present to students
  - k. TK/Kinder extended day is still being discussed and will possibly be extended, but not full-day
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Project Cornerstone - budget needs to increase by \$100 for books
  - b. Friday, 4/22 Science Fair
  - c. Community report
  - d. Our school raised enough money for the American Heart Association

to have Principal Rauscher color blasted on the black top Monday morning.

- e. Bulldog Stampede date to be announced soon. Possibly in April/May. Parents will be allowed on campus to view the event and cheer on the students. Working on ordering t-shirts for the event.
  - f. Room parents are organizing grade level park play dates. Most grades have already had at least one park playdate.
  - g. Avery has set up a Dad's and Mom's Night Out event later this month. Dad's Night Out will be on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6-9pm at Out of the Barrel.
  - h. Mom's Night Out will be at Rootstock Wine Bar on Wednesday, March 30th from 6-9pm.
  - i. Park play dates are really popular and should plan more
  - j. Coffee morning after drop-off. Can be in building with access from both sides of campus.
  - k. Open House - May 4th - parents can socialize and see the campus before and open gates at 6pm
  - l. New Family/Kinder Picnic for the fall
5. Fundraising report
- a. WAG (Saturday, May 7) - website is up and will be uploaded on the store
    - i. Weekly meetings started in March.
    - ii. WAG tickets will go on sale on the H&SC website.
    - iii. WAG tickets will be going on sale soon. Early bird pricing will be \$125 per person for about 3 weeks (3/31/22) and then prices will increase to \$150 per person.
6. Programs report
- a. Fun Zone is back. Tuesdays during recess.
  - b. Book Fair is happening this week. Event is Monday-Thursday (March 7-10) from 12:10-2:00pm. Many families attended. Almost \$5,000 have been raised so far.
  - c. Hagerman assembly will be next week on Wednesday, March 16th. There will be 2 assemblies: 8:25-9:15am and 9:25-10:10am. This event will kick start the Science Fair. Information about the Science Fair will come home to families on March 16th in Wednesday envelopes. Science Fair will be shortly after spring break (possibly Friday, April 22).
7. Marketing report
- a. Add Yearbook Chair, Assistant Treasurer, Science Fair and open volunteer positions to website
8. Treasury report
- a. Below are the Monthly Reports for January and February
    - i. [2022 01 January - Google Drive](#)
    - ii. [2022 02 February - Google Drive](#)

9. Ecology

- a. Crossing Guard Appreciation Week- Jessica beautifully decorated the crossing guard corners on Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. Crossing guards were each given gift cards from the Safe Routes team. The H&SC provided a Van Meter grocery bag and water bottle as gifts as well. Students and families signed cards for each crossing guard.
- b. Earth Day - Jessica is planning a fun filled week of activities. Coordinating events with other schools in our district.
- c. Jessica is working to bring in a SC valley water program for the students during Earth Week.

10. Discussion Items

- a. Cornerstone - Books needed to be ordered for the next lesson (Trouble Talk). Need for an increase in the Cornerstone budget to cover these costs.
- b. Earth Day
  - i. Discuss budget to cover Earth Day expenses.
- c. Teacher Gifts - approve extra \$1,000 - Avery 1st, Jessica 2nd, all in favors
- d. Lego Robotics
  - i. Julio Casal, Olga Montserrat's son, was wondering if there was a possibility of restarting the First Lego Robotics team with another student, Om Shastri. They are Juniors at LGHS and lead their high school robotics team. They were also kickstarters of the original Van Meter robotics team back in 2010. They want to restart the robotics team with the help of adult mentors. The team will not be able to compete this year but could train 3rd and 4th graders for the future 4th and 5th grade team. The team would consist of 6-12 students and would meet 1-2 times a week during competition season. Students would learn how to build, design, test, and program robots. They would compete against other teams at competitions and solve other important social issues of the FLL curriculum. The cost of starting the team would be approximately \$1,500-3,000 but they anticipate being able to cover most of the cost through corporate grants. If lego robotic kits are still available at our school the cost would be significantly lower.

11. List of available Home & School Club positions:

- a. Science Fair, Spirit Wear, Assistant Treasurer, President Elect, etc.
- b. Schedule Principal Chat/ H&SC Preliminary Budget Meeting (May 2022).
- c. Thank you notes for One Community.

12. Discuss any open action items

13. Adjourn - 9:46am - Holly

Next Executive Board Meeting is **April 5, 2022**.