

SCA Minutes
Walnut Ridge
October 5, 2015

Board Officers: President: Kim Rivera, Vice President: Trisha Furman-Leve , Treasurer: Jorge Troche, Recording Secretary: Alleen DeJager, Corresponding Secretary: Carrie Baker

The AM Meeting was called to order at : 9:34am flag salute

The PM Meeting was called to order at: 6:58 pm

- **Presentation by: Center for Prevention and Counseling. The Vernon Coalition**
- **Gemma Chalkley and Rebecca Dorney**
 - Founded in 2010 after 5 young people lost their lives to heroin overdoses.
 - Founders came together to request a grant to pay for the coalition. Rosemary Gebhardt is one of the founders of the grant.
 - The vernon coalition works to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities. They work to prevent and reduce substance use among youth.
 - Over time the goal is to change social norms.
 - It is Critical that all members of the sectors work together to make these changes.
 - A survey was given to the 6th-12th grade population. The results of that survey was included in the handouts from the coalition. Gives an idea of what kids are thinking and what areas need to be addressed.
 - The number one deterrent for drugs is family.
 - Enclosed is a copy of the meeting dates for the coalition. The coalition asks that Vernon parents attend the meetings.
 - Above the Influence Youth Group: Meet monthly at the schools before late buses arrive.
 - Some activities that the students enjoyed: Art Academy Events, Movie Nights, and Bowling Nights. The group currently includes: 30 high students, 20 Lounsberry students, and about 10 GM students. They work with younger children. They go into the communities to promote and recruit students. They work in collaboration with other school groups. Can join facebook page and sign up for emails
 - Parents Empowered Web Page.
 - **Handout:** conversation boxes: Great game for families.



2015-2016 Vernon Coalition Meeting Dates

2015

September 16
October 14*
November 18
December 16

2016

January 20
February 17
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15

Vernon Coalition Meetings are held
the 3rd Wednesday of each
Month, except in October.

Choose the time that
best fits your schedule.

10am

Vernon Township
High School

7pm

*Vernon PAL Building
*October 14 ONLY –
Vernon Board of Education Building

*Working to save lives in Vernon.
Are you in?*

WE NEED YOU!

The safety and wellness of our
Youth and the Vernon community
are important to everyone.
Now, more than ever, citizens
across Vernon are needed to help
prevent drug use and reduce its
consequences among our young
people. Help us create a healthier
Vernon for all. Will you join us?

Questions? Contact us!

Rebecca Dorney at
rebecca@centerforprevention.org

Or

Gemma Chalkley at
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● Principals Rosemary Gebhardt's Agenda:

- Thanks to parents and SCA for programs and participation in all programs
- Monster Mile: Was a success. Children are permitted to walk if need be. Some children run extra as well.
 - This month the Monster Mile becomes the Turkey Trot. If slippery they will not go out. They Will participate this Tuesday and next Tuesday and Thursday.
- Next Week Veteran's Day Parade: VTHS Marching Band comes. Nice procession around the building and out back. To recognize those that serve and those that have served. Inside a group of first grade students will perform for the Veteran's. Students will wear Red, White, and Blue.
- Working with Glen Meadow : Wreaths for grave sites for fallen soldiers.
- Walk through Walnut Ridge Web Page:
 - Governor's Educator and Educational Service Professional of the year. Go to WR site. Look at Mrs. Gebhardt's Blog. Governor Teacher of the year. Choose a teacher and an Educational Service Professional. This can be a CST Member, Reading Specialist, a school nurse etc... Click Link and the form is there to complete and submit. Parents may nominate a teacher

from last or this year. Indicate why you feel they should be considered. A Meeting will be held Friday December 4th. SCA members, Vernon township members as well as teachers will select the Walnut Ridge professional of the year. The county will have 12 that will go to State Level etc..That form can be used for any school in district

- Calendar: Access the Walnut Ridge Calendar:
 - Click to view full calendar
 - Click on event and copy to my calendar
 - Parents can click on the + google calendar . This will bring parents to their calendars where you can copy the event.
- Math Night: Family Math Night was a success. Parents watched a presentation about the district math program, before joining students in math activities in classrooms. Parents can visit the district page to view the Math Link that was demonstrated at Math Night. Click Parent Page or Student Page. You can view the book online under parent page. There are Printable manipulatives etc... on that page.
- Wixie: For First Grade Students. A platform to create their own published materials. They can add text, color, use paintings and pictures. Currently using in library. They can draw, stamp in pictures, or record voices while speaking. Child centered. Mr. Joseph created a sample which was demonstrated by Mrs. Gebhardt. Will be used in centers and groups. Helps with PARCC. Have to know how to use split screens, use mouse, and practice physically using the computer and it's tools.
- Students of the Month: Teacher's, Mrs. Keane, and Mrs. Gebhardt have nominated a Student of Month. Their pictures and biography are on the page. Every month there will be new students.
- Safety Students: 1st grade as well. They have a uniform, sash, and a stop sign or slow sign. They receive a pass to exit the bus early and enter the building early to get ready. They greet peers and faculty and help control hallway traffic.
- Ladies Night Out: Promotes Scholarships to students in the district. Can still sign up to attend.
- Grandparents Day: Monday the 23rd and Tuesday the 24th. Separated by alphabet. See the district calendar for the times and information. Studios will be present for Family Portraits. The Book Fair will take place during grandparent visitation.
- Today was Foundations Trainings for Teachers. Professional Trainer from the Wilson Company was present to train teachers to assist with students. The trainer completed a lesson and staff watched. There will be two teacher trainers in the building to assist staff with questions.
 - Teacher's will be collecting Data and Analyzing that data. Children will not move up unless they receive 80% or better on assessments.

- Report Card: Walnut Ridge December 11th. This is the first trimester report card. If items have not been covered, they will be blacked out. Other schools will be receiving report cards this week.
- November 13th: Family Dance Night: will be for Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Novak, and Mrs. Rogers classes.
- November 30th is the week of the CAP program.
- **SCA Kim Rivera**
 - **New Business:**
 - Ladies Night Out: (11/14/15)
 - Need more to attend and to assist with baskets etc..
 - Gertrude Hawk should be going out tomorrow and or Wednesday: We will now be getting 45% back vs. the normal 30% because all schools are using. It will close the 16th (11/2-11/16)
 - Create a Masterpiece Event (11/21/15): Still have slots available
 - Volunteers for Visitation Days and Book Fair as well. (11/23 and 11/24)
 - Volunteers will be needed for dinner with Santa and the holiday shop
 - Holiday Shop: December 14th-16th
 - **Old Business:**
 - Monster Mile: Very successful
 - Pumpkin Assembly: Most were donated.
 - **Still to come:**
 - Bowling to Come
 - Pocketbook Bingo
 - Will Open Spirit Wear Again
 - **Parent Questions:**
 - When will the evaluations for the GATE program be implemented?
 - Principal response: Schools should be completed with assessments by the end of November. A parent letter will be sent home.
 - Will they only be invited to participate in either Literacy or Math or can they be nominated for both.
 - Principal Response: It is possible that a student will qualify in both areas.
 - Will report cards be paper or on the Parent Portal only?
 - Principal Response: K-4 report cards will be paper.

- Attendance :
- Christine Mentone
- Meagan Arnold
- Stacy Berberich
- Linda Allen- Poole

- Jennifer Horler
- Erin LePore
- Katie Lally
- Colleen Celentano
- Casey Pelak
- Heather Miller
- Christina Weiss
- Maria Teiner
- Pat Furman