

Vernon Township High School
SCA Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2020

Attendees: Dayna Germinario, Janet McKeon, Darlene Arnot, Alison Miller, Charlene Arnot, Dr. Pauline Anderson

Meeting called to order at 9:36am with the flag to salute.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Janet McKeon seconded by Alison Miller.

Treasurer's Report: February opening balance \$14,091.88. All transactions were bingo related. The closing balance for February is \$16,012.16. We have funds available and spoke with Dr. Anderson regarding ideas for spending it within the high school. Discussions on a custom mascot are in play, suggested by the Jr. class. Dr. Anderson suggested teachers always have wish lists. It was also discussed approaching the custodians to see if there is anything they need. An email will also go out to ask teachers what they would like to see purchased.

Principal's Report:

- Since our district alone will have a cut of approximately \$10 million over the next several years, the high school is sticking with a 9 period day, but are moving towards a rotating block drop. The am and pm classes will rotate. Administrators and teachers visited schools that have already adopted this rotating block schedule. VTHS has worked with Sodexo and the fire marshals to accommodate ALL high school students for a same period lunch, a common eating time.
- Sodexo has an app that is under utilized. Students can order their lunch on the app and it is ready for them when they arrive at the cafeteria. They can even preorder the night before and the lunches will be ready with their name on it. The CFM class will be building tables for students to eat out in the courtyard as well.
- The issue of shortened lunches has been brought up and it doesn't seem to be an issue because typically lunch is purchased within 10 minutes, eaten within 5 minutes and the rest of the time they are just hanging around waiting for their next class to begin.
- ½ of the student body will be eating in the cafeteria and then a soft bell will move them out and the next ½ of students will move in. In the gym it will be an unofficial gym class where clubs can meet, hang out and sit, etc. Also they

can utilize the upper/lower library, etc. On nice weather days the courtyard will be utilized as well.

- Students will be divided into two groups: blue and gold. They will be encouraged to wear their colored lanyards throughout the day with their IDs. The blue group will be together in lunch as will the gold group in the 2nd ½.
- 496 students can eat in the cafeteria at the same time. Currently the high school is at approximately 950 students.
- This change, which will be in effect for the 2020-21 school year, opened up the opportunity for many class requests to be fulfilled and balances the classes easier, filling the classes more appropriately. The students chose their classes already this year for next school year and the administrators were able to better fulfill requests already.
- The tentative last day of school is June 16th.
- The dental van is coming to the high school for the first time this year.
- Voter registration materials will be sent out to students to get eligible students to register to vote this November.
- Thursday May 28th is the Senior Prom
- May 15th is the Jr. Prom
- There is a lot going on with the budget that is student focused.

Old/On going Business:

- Bingo went well in February
- The sign up genius has been out for volunteers/donations for the Senior Citizen Dinner Theater. Check the VTHS SCA Facebook for the sign up link
- March 11: volunteers are needed to go to locations to obtain donations from local businesses that have been previously arranged for pick up.

New business:

- Ladies Night Out, the room at Mineral's holds approximately 250 guests and at this time THE EVENT IS SOLD OUT!
- Bingo dates for 2020-21 are: 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, and 4/16
- This year's final bingo nights for 2020 were Friday 3/6/20 & will be 4/24/20
- Executive SCA scholarship essays are due March 23rd.
- SCA election forms will go out early April. VTHS SCA is in need of a new President and Vice President for the 2020-21 school year
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation is set tentatively for Friday May 1st.
- Thursday April 2nd the SCA will provide lunch to the custodians. The SCA will secure a head count of custodians

- Dayna Germinario will speak with Mr. Demsak and see if his CFM students would be interested in building a platform to raise the SCA bingo board up higher for all to see during our bingo events.
- Further discussions regarding the custom mascot were had. Suggesting maybe each Jr. student family donate \$10.00 towards the mascot and the VTHS SCA will subsidize the rest
- The Minding Your Mind presentation will be funded \$300 from the SCA

Motion to adjourn by Janet McKeon, seconded by Alison Miller at 10:54am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna Germinario
Recording Secretary