

**VEPTSA
General Meeting Minutes
Jan 9, 2018**

General Meeting:	1/9/18
Board and Committee Members Present:	Karin Harrison, Michelle Seligman, Jenny Nichols, BeBeth Steudel, Gina Speer, Mamatha Reddy, Amy Franklin-Bihary, Carrie Yuan, Aleksandra Multinovic
Meeting Location	Viewlands Library

Karin called meeting to order at 6:37

- An introduction and presentation from Viewlands staff about the social-emotional literacy curriculum RULER. How is it being used at Viewlands?
 - Ms. Kutch, Ms. Clark, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Rose gave a presentation on the RULER
 - Recognize
 - Understand
 - Labeling
 - Expressing
 - Regulating
 - Each class creates a charter of agreements
 - Reviewed the Mood Meter
 - Strategies for regulating emotions

- Ms. Klainer and Ms. Rose talked about MLK assembly – learning public speaking and peaceful protest. Students will participate in a peaceful march. 12:15 is the assembly, and the march is at 12:45.
 - Questions about bus strike but Ms K and R can't really address, other than knowing that a lot of legwork is happening to avoid another strike.
- Vote to approve the amended budget –
 - Budget was not approved at Fall meeting. Final budget proposed.
 - Proposed amendments –
 - \$700 for Media Literacy grant for Library
 - 69 5th graders for 5th grade camp – total is \$5157 to match last year's funding per/student – increased amount for increased class size
 - Adjustment for classroom grants
 - Motion for approval and second
 - Budget approved
- Committee updates and upcoming event details
 - Financial Review will be scheduled in the next few weeks – 3-person committee is formed.
 - IRS tax filing – extension filed – took extra time to double check due to large amount of grant money flowing through. Extension filed – return will be submitted in May.
 - Nominating Committee Formed – Monique; Aleksandra; Suzanne
 - Community/ Family Education lecture series -partnership w/ Broadview Thompson
 - Tierra Johnson will give a lecture on race and social justice on Feb 13th 6:30-7:40
 - How to navigate tough conversations with your kids
 - Family Dance
 - Friday Feb 9th
 - Nat will DJ
 - Suzanne will do arts/crafts/games

- Raffle = will need items for prizes
 - Bake sale – will be signup sheet
 - 5\$/kid
- Auction Apr 22nd at Naked City
 - Looking for donations and committee members
- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - Jogathon
 - Staff appreciation
- Orca Digest is out regularly and going well. New Communication Committee is doing great work
- Student contact guides are out.
- Open House
 - Jan 18th from 6-7 – looking for volunteers to help with tours
 - Feb 6th is Whitman Open House – also hosting a STEAM night on the 18th
 - Jan 24th? Open House
 - Will possibly reach out for parents with current middle schoolers or Whitman’s PTA
- Might have a Red Cross Safety talk at March movie night.
- Playground update – no update, and may need to mobilize parent action.

Meeting closed at 7:39

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Nichols, Co-Secretary