



## VSPG parents meeting

**September 15, 2021**

Attendees; Sylvia Barg (Chair), Birke S, Lisa S, Jen D (treasurer), Gillian M (Secretary), Tamara Berg (Principal), Sabrina, Dianna Carlisle (teacher rep); Suzanne (librarian), Ronda F

1. **Welcome Everyone**
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Approval of agenda** – yes- Jen Darby  
Approval of minutes from June – yes Jen Darby
4. **Membership** - Lisa Schmidt stepping down from co-chair. Need to solicit parents for volunteers to vote on next month. Parents interested can put their name forward and attend October's meeting. Ronda Funk is interested.
5. **Open House** – sign-up sheet for fundraising, hot lunches, other events. Lots of parents signed up and interested in helping with something.
6. **Parent reps** – VSPG Chair to chat with teachers for suggestions – need 2 per class.

Still not looking for parent volunteers in the classroom right now. Hoping restrictions will change in winter, but still not sure yet

7. **Fundraising end of year** – gave \$16000 to school last year. Signed off on getting whiteboards for the classes, \$13k went to whiteboards, the remainder was moved into a separate playground fund.

**Fundraising Goal for 2021/22** - \$25,000-30,000. A big chunk will come from hot lunch. Desire to increase/improve communication with parents: what VSPG does, what we're raising money for, talk more about the financial plan. VSPG page in newsletter with thermometer showing how close to goal. Describe what VSPG actually is – ie. Fundraising is premise of this group – be more transparent with overall purpose.

8. **Treasurer report** – Bank stmt hasn't arrived yet – maybe \$500-1000 in account after last year. Gaming account still active. Waiting for grant to come in, but should be soon. Gaming money needs to be spent largely, on capital items – not educational or anything used in the classroom. Typically, we spend it every 4 years on large items such as playground equipment.

## 9. Fundraising updates/ideas

- a. Mrs Webb – can we build a ‘mud hill’ for kindergarteners, would freeze in the winter and grow grass etc. Silvia has a friend with soil to donate
- b. Growing Smile – Birke – lots let over after school ended. Would do it earlier next year, they have a fundraiser for pointsettias – compare with what we usually do with Save On
- c. Could do seeds at same time – Sabrina – West Coast Seeds
- d. Munch a Lunch - \$15365 – 194 kids are registered. User fees are approximately \$800. Profit should be approximately 40%. Could perhaps be clearer communication that this is a fundraising. Check that parents could order double next time. Any ideas for Jan-June food ideas let Silvia know.
- e. Epicure – Grade 9 fundraiser typically. VSPG helping to support that effort. Suggestion to ask Grade 9 class to present to VSPG and request support for fundraising. Weeknight dinners - \$25 per kit for five dinners.
- f. Purdy’s catalogues on order – Jen, end of October
- g. Mom’s Pantry – Brandy and Silvia, end of October
- h. Apple sale – Sabrina – Vernon Davison Orchard 15Lb boxes or 5lb bags – partner with Centennial Christian – minimum 80 boxes sale; October 12 deadline
- i. Candy apples for sale at school – approx. \$4 per apple around Halloween
- j. Art Cards by Kids – kids draw a picture and it’s made into a greeting card – has the child’s name and age on it
- k. Paint Night – Terry – just an idea for just now – maybe Mother’s Day – mother/daughter event

Principal’s report (attached) – need email copy from Tamara

**Next meeting: Monday, October 18, 7pm**