



Veritas Parents Support Group
April 11, 2022

Attendees: Silvia (Chair), Tamara (Principal), Birke, Sabrina, Gillian, Ashley, Jen Darby

1. Treasurer report

TD \$29000 +; Northern Savings \$9600 (Gaming dollars)

Purdy's ok for Easter. They did mess up our billing. We won't make a lot of money, but we won't lose money

2. Growing Smiles

Birke – half of what we've made last year for growing smiles fundraiser so far. Need to put in a couple of orders manually still. Delivery date is May 4.

Wondering why we haven't made same profit – perhaps we should try to send a paper sign up with kids like we did last year. Last order date is April 19. Birke to order a few extra of each plant to sell at school when they arrive.

3. Hot Lunch

Sabrina, think people forgot to place orders, but they came in last week. \$14000 collected from this hot lunch – close to similar terms – Sept-Dec was approximately \$16000, Jan-Mar about \$20000.

Struggling to find volunteers primarily for Wednesday hot lunch. Silvia has been going to parents individually she knows have flexibility in their schedules – May seems to be taken care of, but April is problematic. There is different options for time commitment from parents – ie they could come for one hour instead of two. Some lunches take longer, eg pancakes, grilled cheese. Silvia to check if Knights of Columbus would volunteer.

4. Additional Fundraising Ideas

Centennial has 3 donation times per year, ie. \$25, 50, 100. They raise approximately \$40,000 per year from this. The council did not approve this in the past as it's more money to ask from per family.

Tamara to ask around other schools in the Diocese to see how they raise funds to get up to the public system. Grandparents are likely untapped resource for school volunteers. Next year when we can have more people in the school, ie open house, we can talk to parents for volunteer hours.

Other schools (PG) do one Gala fundraiser per year and raise \$50,000 in one night. Terrace preference was for spaghetti dinner and it made as much money as the big college dinner.

Treat day: started on the rainiest day of the year, but kids were happy to get an ice cream and it is popular. Silvia will order another case of lollipops. Ice cream will continue to sell on Thursdays and/or candy bags. We also have cookie dough from Mom's pantry, so thinking hot chocolate/chocolate chip cookie day – maybe even in fall as weather is colder.

5. Upcoming Fundraisers

Glow Run: Centennial is doing fun run on May 14 – same day we had chosen to do. Brandy/Sabrina go back to drawing board and pick another date.

Silent Auction: 141 items, \$11410 assuming everyone pays. Auction will close this Thursday at 5pm (April 14). Pay through Silvia → Jen

Take-out Dinner: Filipino Foods to pick out from their restaurant for a date in May. Altogether, we've done 13 or 14 fundraisers this year. Lots of different ideas this year: apples, art cards, take out dinners. Hoping we can keep some of the new ideas for next year.

6. Wish list from teachers/Principal

Final list to Silvia by May 1st. VSPG donates to the school and the Council decides on what the donation is actually spent on. Eg. Projectors that work with the SmartBoards are needing to be replaced, new swings in the Kindergarten area, Ukeleles for music class, new poles and winch for volleyball net (\$2100) and basketball system. Some of these items could be paid for with Gaming dollars.

Tamara to reach out to different playground vendors to compare costs for equipment to consider.

7. Dinner for VSPG

June event – get together for appies/dinner, June 15 @ 7.30pm, location tbd. Assembly is June 28 – need to vote on how much we are donating to the school at this time. We will vote at the May meeting.

8. Teacher's Report

Next meeting: May 16, 2022