Tuesday August 20th, 2019

1. **Call to Order** 12:36pm

2. **Roll Call**:
   - Lennox Meldrum, Amina Sakrani, Lorella Berard, Girja Patel, Debbie Marty, Katherine Brewer, Kim Healey, David Randolph, Anh Moll, Rebecca Treherne, Tanya Macedo, Kelley Reid, Vivian Yeh, Paola Levenhagen

3. **Treasurer's report**
   - VSPA is having great success with used uniform sales

4. **New Business**
   - **Security Update**
     - New guard shack and new gates - gates are closed with increasing frequency
     - We have a loaner dog, while chief is at training school
     - Added new cameras- upgraded the technology aspect
     - Working to keep kids safe even when they are not on the campus
     - Staff is trained via case study, e.g. ‘this happens what do you do?’ Includes case studies of cyber threats
     - Communication to families now has some differentiation between different types of lockdown - school is getting clearer on messages so parents will have a better understanding of what is happening; time to communicate to parents will be as tight as possible with the message being as correct as possible
     - “New Parent Safety & Security Coffee Morning” planned to go over the drills we run and our communication around our safety measures.

   **International Food Festival**
   - New chairperson Catherine Saenz
   - Issue of Diwali being the same weekend as Food Festival - explore the idea at showcasing Diwali as a special holiday during the Food Festival
Curriculum new program and structure

- Clearer pathway for Math will be built all through the different divisions
- World Languages as well will be expanded throughout the core curriculum
- Fine Arts also will be woven into core curriculum - We will expand on our Julliard connection, so that we can all understand better what it looks like and how we can capitalize on that - Regional fine arts director will be on campus to train all our teachers on the Juilliard connection
- TMEA & TPSME - Private school kids soloists or orchestra - can audition to compete - we will need a parent group now that we have changed the music head; we have interested parents, but they don’t know where to start
- Math - some kids are entering 9th and immediately needing tutors, Lennox is here to address this. Also, for many parents it is the first time that parents are hearing that if students haven’t completed Geometry before 9th, they cannot do IB HL math. Lennox will address this.
- There will be an Entrepreneurship coffee morning for parents since the previous leader of the program has left. The date for this is TBD.

Sponsorships

- In terms of companies that sponsor us, this idea of sponsorships will start to fade out. VSPA can use sponsors for their specific events if wanted.

VSPA future spending

- VSPA will keep the uniform store
- We need to use the money we have for events to bring the community together, phase out funding request spending as school is a for-profit venture and can budget in needs. Brief discussion of bylaw changes to reflect new direction.

Katherine’s communication schedule

- Will follow 9 key strategic directions - developed from working with her teachers and admin and to include students.

Fine arts parent group gathering - FOFA - will be started

5. AOB

6. Adjournment - 2:19 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday October 15th, 2019