VSPA Executive Meeting, Dec 17, 2019
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**: 12:41pm

2. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum**: Lorella Berard, Girja Patel, Debbie Marty via phone, Kim Healey, David Randolph, Rebecca Treherne, Kelley Reid, Tanya Macedo (joined late) Vivian Yeh,

3. **Approve last minutes**: David Randolph made a correction to prior minutes re: rain storm - it ended at 2:45. Amendments noted. Minutes approved unanimously with corrections.

4. **New Business**

   a. **College Counselling**: Discussion of parental concerns; turnover and consistency has been widely discussed among HS parents who seek more clarity into direction and future of college counselling. David responded to the issue. Had been some health issues causing absence and also loss of some personnel. Holley Buttrey was a great addition but left to pursue another opportunity and this left behind a period of change. Turnover was addressed by HS staff filling in, Zoe Montoney, etc. Department now fully staffed and moving to new quarters in part of what was the HS learning commons. More space for counsellors and students to conduct the business necessary re: applications and counselling appointments, etc. Early information we have is that there are excellent stats for college acceptances already.

   b. **Brief discussion of security and potential theft issue?** a few reports of missing items, tech such as air pods, etc. Perhaps carelessness an issue. Reinforce students taking responsibility for the items they choose to bring to school. Parking lot cameras are all done and fully operational.

   c. **Discussion of potential for boarding storage over the summer. TVS provides storage at a COST. Storage options in Res Life are not sufficient. Kim & David to inquire about potential space in VAC or elsewhere to prevent RL students from having to pay to store over the summer and/or find local families to agree to take in their personal belongings. Some RL families believe that sufficient storage ought to be provided over the summer break as done by some other boarding schools.**

   d. **Brief discussion of Nominating Committee protocol coming up. LB described process and listed members of nominating committee. We agree that more people need to volunteer. Perception out there that getting on to the committee is an insular/clique situation. On the contrary, we have to beg people to join/stay. Consensus among Board and TVS that we will endeavour to include more people in canvassing for next year’s board. Teachers and Staff will be encouraged to nominate candidates. Kim Healy will send out message and forward responses to VSPA for follow up. All
current VSPA members will text LB to advise whether they would like to stay on to be considered for their position for the 2020-2021 school year.

e. Kelley brought up issue of some security guards having traffic directing gloves and others not. They make it much easier for drivers to follow their directions during carpool and Kelley requested that TVS provide these gloves for all officers/guards conducting car pool traffic.

f. Brief discussion of Carnival - name change from Palooza and general them ideas - 2020: Rodeo. Brainstorming session re: offerings for this year’s Carnival. (Will approach 3rd grade teacher’s wife re: dessert truck.) Formal business adjourned followed by informal discussion continuing re: Carnival.

5. Adjournment : 2:30pm

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Leadership Conference Room