



VIEWPOINT SCHOOL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

POWERED BY PARENT VOLUNTEERS

VSSA Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 9am-10:30am
Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- Diana Putzer, VSSA President MS/US
 - Book Fair was such a representation of what our community is about, thank you to everyone who made book fair a success
 - Admissions Events: Thank you for showing our prospective parents what an amazing school we have and how much we love our school
- Jenn Halpern, VSSA President PS/LS
 - Raffle!!!!
- Slide Show: Thank You Annie Goto

School Updates - Mark McKee

Senior lunches:

-Authentic conversations, ice breakers, they described an image of an event, place, or something that will carry them from this school (it was not hard for the students to come up with something memorable and meaningful), share what is going well, what you hope will still be true and what you hope will change. They always have such appreciation for their teachers. They always have feedback on how their time can be better used.

Advisory program

-is continually improving and is fairly new, a cohort that is looped and bonded, provides the kids with a home or a family that they didn't choose. This is such a great way to give them a connection that matters in their learning and their self-esteem, ect. They want more communication, the same as what the parents want.

Reflecting:

-What draws you to this school, culture, the canyon, the staff, the people. Nice to see the spirit of improving, striving, mindfulness, and a spirit of continual improvement

Board Meeting:

Budget

Enables us to re-enroll the school

We spend every dollar in our budget and are very mindful of where it comes from and acknowledge the expense that comes along with attending this school.

Reenrollment

Reminder: Please do it by Thursday!

Demand for admissions is among the highest, reenrollment happens in stages, using new software for our enrollment process which is making things come along faster.

Admissions Saturdays:

Three days with two shifts of students coming in for their assessments.

Thank you for your authentic stories to the prospective parents.

Office of Diversity Updates - Patricia Jackson

Books 'n Bears

South LA/Inglewood – Take new books and teddy bears to promote reading and comfort

Cultural Educational Opportunities for learning, teaching, and celebrating

Purpose: To provide students with opportunities for learning and sharing stories and cultural traditions that are important to them and their families – this, in partial fulfillment of our World Ready promise (starts in TK and goes all the way up to Upper School)

Healing through Music happened on Jan 17th

Think about a song that brings back some memory

Survey done by students-favorite song and how it makes them feel

Overwhelming result - JOY!!!!

Highlighted on Channel 7 – tribute to Martin Luther King and a celebration of culture through song.

VOSOVS 2024 – March 1 & 2 @ 7pm Tickets will be on sale soon

All School Multicultural Potluck on Wednesday, April 17th at 4:30 p.m. NEED PARENT PARTICIPATION

PPDI-Alyse Bloomfield

If you want to start a new group or have interest in any current groups contact our PPDI

Advancement Updates - Maureen Nash

Annual Benefit – May 11 at the Skirball Center

Thank you to our auction cochairs!

Helped raise over \$300-400,000

Josephine Atluri, Krystal Dry-Murphy '03, Allison Fields

Auction meeting Thursday, Feb 15th @ 4pm (Trudy Baylock)

NEED auction items!

Special experiences, pets items, restaurant gift cards, sporting events, concerts.....

Trustee Peek Performance Center tour – Monday, March 18th @9:30am

Library Updates: Sarah Davis

Book Fair:

-The entire community came together, sales were good, Book Chat the morning of Book Fair – Tanya Altmann (School Physician) presented.

-Performances were wonderful

-Visiting Authors

Speed Dating with books, Character Education, Library classes K-5, Literary Honors Programs, Summer Reading, Parent Book Chats, Book clubs, Author visits with Morgan Matson and Michelle Lee, Community Engagement, follow us on Instagram

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VSSA Board Position Opportunities - Maggie Lefler & Georgia Stern

Design the new spring line and all the things in between to debut the line for the spring luncheon

Google form will go out and it will give you the ability to send in your top three choices so start to think about what you are interested in doing for next year.

Community Chair Updates

- Party book-Erica Ginsberg, Aundy Crenshaw, & Erin Urbina
 - Upcoming Parties
 - Spring 2024 Party Ideas
 - Poker Night-Feb 24th lessons for an hour before, US boys will be the dealers, drinks food for everyone, prizes for winners, everyone invited, \$100 a ticket, Woodland Hills
 - Indian Culinary Experience – Mar 10th
 - Bad Moms – Mar 15th dedicated to moms, dj, tacos and margaritas, two chair massages, family feud type games, Agoura Hills
 - Louisiana Craw Fish Boil-April 13th fly out live craw fish, gumbo, jambalaya, beer, corn, music

Feb 15th deadline to finalize all Party Book Events

- Middle School Community Service Day
 - Community Service Event-Oscar Litwak Foundation
 - Amazon List to purchase items for distraction bags for kids who spend time in the hospital
 - Collecting items the week of Feb 26th
 - Bring items to homeroom

- March 2nd putting together the distraction bags
- Book Fair Recap & Campus Reading Programs - Sarah Davis, Natalie Meir & Cindy Heppekausen
- Rising Seniors Internship Opportunities - Stephen Early
 - Viewpoint Summer Experience
 - Intern with a parent host at a business/company/doctors office
 - Email to go out asking for Middle/Upper school parent community for opportunities
- Parent Clubs - Teresa Hames & Lisa Stone
 - Updates & ideas for new clubs for Spring 2024
 - Basketball schedule change games: Sun 8am Thurs practice 7:30pm
 - Join by going to the WhatsApp group on the Viewpoint Website
 - Parents Night Out-No host evening, Larsen's in Woodland Hills, new date to come
 - Lots of clubs having: Pickleball, walking club, knitting.....
 - Writing Salon: Feb 22 - Melissa Carter – insight on how to excel in screen writing
- Spring Luncheon - Cat Hirsh & Debbie Garner
 - Raffle Items needed
 - Places you frequent-ask for donations
- Parent Ed – Rebecca Heller, Fiona Wong, Monica Borokoff
 - Parent Education Circle – recap and discuss events
 - Randy Collins – wrote *The Naked Roommate*- April 29
 - Transition to college or just in life
 - Holocaust Remembrance Day – inspirational and fun with great speakers
 - Dr. Vivial Ming – Artificial Intelligence Series
 - April 16th @7:30pm Brentwood school
 - Carpools
- MS/US Spirit Activities
 - Dazzling Donuts - Tuesday, February 20th 11am-1pm
 - Tell your kids!!
- US Winter Formal - Sylvia Karapetian & Sydney Russell
 - Saturday, Feb 24 7pm-10pm in the Rasmussen Family Pavilion
 - Theme: Night in Paris
 - Parent Volunteers needed (SIG going out today)
- 7th Grade Dance Recap - Carin Maddox
 - Slide show

Announcements:

- Senior Parent Updates-Alexandra Hughes

- Retreat-Pali Camp
 - Custom playing cards
 - Boxed lunches from Mendocino farms and snacks on the bus
- Upcoming-cap and gown photos and senior lunch
- Voices Now- performing at the Catalina Jazz Feb 20th
 - [Tickets here \\$30](#)
- Valentine's Day Raffle- SURPRISE!!!

Strategy & Questions Session

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