

DeVargas Home and School Club Meeting Agenda

Date and Time: September 5th, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: Think Tank, DeVargas Elementary

- **Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m.**
Attendees: Megan Hawkins, Debra Delgado, Tanya Robertson, Andrea Whelan, Chuck Whelan, Calee Parise-Fernandez, Monnia Oropeza, Nick Prychodko, Mark Loundy, Connie Washburn, Kristine Kuwano, Kara Gennis, Shane Tatman, Mindy Shin, Liangtao Gao, Annemarie Heynig, Maryam Pourabedin, Nariman Ahmadi, Lan Guo, Tricia DiCenzo, Malay Patel, Sara Shepard, Li Yi, Madhavi Phanse, Kalidas Balakrishman, Ayaansh Kalsi, Varshini Muralikrishnan, Li Wei, Vishal Bansal, Zukai Wang, Ramprasad, Khwhi Kiran Vardi, Guillermo G Garcia, Sarah Alesawi, Amer Alomari, Vemalababu, Shiva Kalerv, Ajay Phansatkan, Anna Yanez, Ramakanth Josyula, Ashwani Goyal, Maliendra K, Satrik, Tanish Singh, Girjesh Shulli, Harika Yallavula, Nidhi Bansal, Susan Ku Nayak
Regrets: Milly Alamgir, Asuza Shimuzu, Marie King
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of Minutes**
Megan motion to approve. Chuck seconded. Carried.
- **Principal's report: Mr Prychodko**
 - Modernization: still on track to move into admin building on the 15th, but may be a partial move. Still hoping to open Tinkertime by October. Will find out on Friday if there is a delay.
 - Finished round of training for district's writing curriculum. We are in the last wave to implement the new writing curriculum. Parents may see some shifts on the way writing is taught. Other schools that have done it for a few years have seen huge gains. It's somewhat freeform - the Units of Study model- but kids really take off with it.
 - Soul Shoppe training for staff happened as well. Social-emotional learning for our students. One of three schools in the district with this program. We are making a strong push

to tie it in with our school rules. ROAR - Respecting Others Acting Responsibly. How can kids ROAR in the school environment.

- Recess 101. 1 of 3 schools in the district to have this program. Provides us with a coach - coach Justin. Like a PE teacher at lunch and recess. He is organizing structured games during recess and lunch. Additionally, every 2 weeks works with classrooms during their PE time. Learn games that hopefully spill over to recess time. Skills of sportsmanship/community/good citizenship.
- Next Friday no school - staff learning day. Professional development activities. Project Based Learning working with world renowned Buck institute.
- Room parents -> main parent for each classroom. Do outreach for each classroom for volunteers. Both for HSC and class volunteering. If we have enough room parents then Principal may have a committee to meet bimonthly. He will work directly with the group and they can represent the school.
- **Teacher's report: Kristine Kuwano, Kara Gennis, Shane Tatman, Connie Washburn**
 - Kinder by Ms Gennis - working on their first PBL. How to ROAR in the classroom. Kinders are doing really well with this.
 - Sports by Mr Tatman - flag football right now basketball in winter and then soccer. For 4th or 5th graders. Practice during recess. Doesn't cost anything. HSC school gift this year will be to donate to the sports program whatever they need.
 - Ms Kuwano 3rd grade- really excited because art and music classes are starting this week. Thank you to HSC without them we wouldn't have these program. Kinder teachers are excited to be included this year. New cub cash store. "Caught being good" tickets. Store on Fridays to come spend their cash.
 - Washburn - 2nd grade. 4.5 teachers this year. Doing lots of exciting things. New PBL - legends and fables. Responsibility is often in these fables. Come together once a month to mix up the students to do an engineering project together.
- **Project Cornerstone: Andrea Whelan**

- TK/Kinder book: Listen and Learn - simpler version of monthly lessons
 - Other grades: Friends to the End for Kids
 - Teaches social skills for kids. Theme for this year in Project Cornerstone is “Empathy”.
 - 6 to 8 of our 24 classrooms covered. Please see Andrea or Milly about reading in the classroom.
Contact information: **Andrea Whelan**
dreamine33@gmail.com
And **Milly Alamgir** millyx@hotmail.com
 - You do need to be fingerprinted and also take a TB test to be a reader in the classroom. This process is needed for many volunteer activities like field trips and classroom help. So you can get it out of the way here.
- **Treasurer’s report: Calee Parise-Fernandez**
 - 17K in donations to school- This pays for many programs. Librarian extra hours/music and art/ create / gift to school/ water fountain/ shade in playground/special assemblies/150\$ per classroom for supplies etc etc.
 - The corporate matching with Benevity is having a hiccup. So please stay tuned. We depend on corporate matches! We’ll let you know when it’s working.
- **Committee Chairperson volunteers**
Please come and talk to us if you are interested in taking a bigger role with some of our activities. We are especially in need of volunteers for movie nights and movie matinees. We need a movie night chairperson. Needs to purchase movie, permission slips/ pizza/popcorn/drinks and make sure enough volunteers during the movie. **All of our volunteers will be trained.** So no need to worry about that. We also do a lot of co-chairs so that no one has to do things all by themselves.
- **Current and recent events**
 - Back to School Night 8/24 - went really well. Lots of people.
 - Once a month Kona Ice will be out and we’ll be selling scrip cards. Scrip is a great fundraising tool Buy a card for X amount at a certain store. You can use that money in the

store and the school gets a percentage. Talk to **Qi Gu melissa20090308@gmail.com** or **Megan Hawkins meganchawkins@gmail.com** if you have any questions.

- **Upcoming events**

- Family movie night Thu 9/14 - Boss Baby. Behind the GLC. Selling pizza and drinks. 6:30 show up. 7:15/7:30 movie starts.
- Hurricane Harvey fundraiser Thu 9/14 (with family night) - Just before the movie we'll be selling crafts and desserts to donate to Harvey victims.
- Applebees Sat 9/30 - open to DeVargas families. The staff will be the teachers working at Applebees that day. They will be serving your food. Be sure to PREORDER tickets. You can't buy tickets at the door. **Look for preorder slips in the Friday folders.**
- HSC meeting Tue 10/3
- Family Dine Out Thu 10/12 - Boudin - come have dinner at Boudin that night and they will donate a percentage of their profits to DeVargas HSC.

- **Project updates:**

- Scrip - see above
- Foundation - pending

- **New business**

New tshirts design will be ready next week. New tshirts and hoodie sweatshirt. They can be worn by the students on Spirit Friday. We will see about starting Spirit Fridays again. Whichever classroom has the most kids with DeVargas colors in school get to have a special item (such as a school toy lion) in their classroom for the week.

- **Next meeting:** Oct 3rd, 2017 at 6:30 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

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Marie King, Treasurer: Calee Parise-Fernandez & Azusa Shimizu , Secretary: Monnia Oropeza,
Parliamentarian: Andrea Whelan, Principal: Nick Prychodko