



## VHES Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting January 9th, 2024 - 6:00pm

In Person in VHES Learning Commons and online via Google Meet

### Minutes:

1. Welcome & Record of Attendees **Trevor Hassler, Kristen Cruden, Nicole Arndt-Wenger (parent), Melissa Gaddini, Sara Svir, Mae Haley,**
2. Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes  
**Approved**
3. Treasurer Report
  1. Fundraising updates/totals:
    1. Scholastic November conferences book fair **Total Raised: \$50.**
    2. Culver's Dine out for Vadnais (1/8/24) **awaiting total, should be by end of week. Successful turnout!**
  2. Cash for Teachers Updates - Plan to increase amount available to teachers/staff **Approved**
    1. \$300 per teacher, including Specialists
    2. SpEd and Interventionists increased to \$150 (lower amount due to receiving funding from district)
  3. Consider other spending options/Wish Lists for PTO surplus
  4. Payment made to Tamarack Nature Center for onsite presentations. **Would like to improve aligning with standards per grade.**
  5. Request for Funds for Rug for Mrs. Gaustad's Classroom **Approved**
  6. One outstanding teacher check - **found**
  7. No outstanding bills
  8. Cancel unused subscriptions: ConstantContact, SignUpGenius
4. Principal Report **January is the end of semester, report cards going home and available online at the end of month. Conferences in February. Grades 1-5 Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) field trips in February.**
5. 2023 - 2024 Executive Board updates
  1. Chair - Kristen Cruden
  2. Secretary - **OPEN**
    1. Nomination - Nicole Arndt-Wenger **Approved**
    2. Others?
  3. Treasurer - Trevor Hassler

6. Website and Social Media updates **Should we formalize an executive position for Social Communications Liaison? Kristen will connect with prior volunteer. We'd still like to update the website, in process.**
7. Events: Recap & Upcoming
  1. Culver's Dine out for Vadnais 1/8/24 **good turnout, no totals yet**
  2. Teacher conference meals on 2/6 and 2/15 **Principal Svir organizes**
  3. Snow Much Fun Event - Thursday 2/22, 5-6:30pm
    1. Themed baskets for silent auction: Donations collected: 1/29-2/16 Basket assembly: Kari Thimjon, others invited to help
      1. **Need teacher volunteers to monitor basket security**
      2. **consider what space to use: SW, PreK rooms**
    2. [Grade Level Theme Baskets](#)
    3. Food purchases & planning? Volunteers needed?
    4. Teacher Appreciation Week in May, Ideas: **discuss at next agenda in March**
    5. **Dine out event in April, ideas?**
8. Future projects
  1. **Review all accounts/log-ins, determine what is used/unused, valuable**
  2. **Spirit Wear Clothing: Julie's last year organizing**
  3. **Find online platform for future Spirit Wear clothing purchases**
9. Any questions/information items?