

**South Valley Elementary Home & School**  
**Minutes from June 14, 2018 Meeting**

The last South Valley Home & School meeting of the 2017-2018 School Year was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018 with a welcome from Chair, Laura Frederico. Laura introduced Usha Vig, Co-Chair and Toni Nicole Benedetti, Secretary.

Two guest speakers attended this meeting. Below is a summary of the comments made.

**Dr. Scott McCartney, MTPS Superintendent**

Dr. McCartney noted that the end of the school year marks a positive and uplifting time, filled with many fun activities for students and staff. MHS's graduation will be held on Tuesday at 6:30p.m., with all participating graduates thereafter boarding Project Graduation buses. The corresponding Main Street "clap out" of the graduates will take place at approximately 8:00p.m.

Dr. McCartney thanked Dr. Karanjia for her hard work at SV over the years.

**Dr. Leisa Karanjia, Principal, South Valley**

Dr. Karanjia informed the group that the District has selected SV's new principal, Ms. Heather Hackl, who currently is serving as the Assistant Principal at WAMS. Dr. Karanjia noted that she has been communicating regularly with Ms. Hackl and that they are already working on Ms. Hackl's transition, including Ms. Hackl's planned visits to SV both tomorrow and Monday. Dr. Karanjia believes Ms. Hackl will be a great fit for SV students, staff and community.

Dr. Karanjia mentioned that with the funds SV received from the proceeds of Boosterthon, SV was able to purchase: additional iPads (above those already budgeted for) and iPad charging stations, computer research modules requested by Mr. Kacerek for student use, and additional kinesthetic seating to complement the items SV will be receiving from the movement grant that Mrs. Hendrickson and Mrs. Miele received.

Dr. Karanjia reminded attendees that the Third Grade Clap Out tradition will take place Tuesday, the last day of school, at 1:10p.m. Dr. Karanjia encouraged all interested parties to arrive to the blacktop by 1:00p.m to cheer on the third graders.

Dr. Karanjia thanked H&S for the involvement of its members in helping make this school year a great one.

**Monthly Business**

Toni Nicole Benedetti, Secretary, asked for a Motion to Approve the April 2018 Meeting Minutes, with such Motion made by Denya Miller and seconded by Usha Vig.

Laura discussed the budget and stated that SV's budget is in great shape, with a good amount of roll over for next year's use.

**Old Business**

- Thank you to all Committee Chairs for a wonderful year!
- Third Grade Concert- Mrs. Luther and the kids did a wonderful job.
- Field Day was fabulous and enjoyed by all.
- Kindergarten Screening went well. A volunteer is needed to hang the crafts in the Kindergarten wing.

- Teacher Appreciation – the staff were treated to a really nice luncheon. Thank you to Chairs Heather Colella and Maureen DiFiore.
- Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels Preschool Assembly – the preschoolers were appreciative.
- Boosterthon- this fundraiser was a huge success in its first year. H&S is planning on holding it at the UES next year.
- Next year's Book Fair dates have been changed by Scholastic. Laura will check with the Book Fair Chairs so that the revised dates can be announced.

### **New Business**

- Laura requested a Motion to Approve Moving \$1300.00 from Committee Funds into Special Project Funds, to be rolled over for next year's use, with such Motion made by Denya Miller and seconded by Usha Vig.
- Laura requested a Motion to Approve Next Year's Chair's Slate, with such Motion made by Denya Miller and seconded by Usha Vig. Laura noted that next year's slate is mostly full and requested attendees spread the word for any remaining spots.
- SV's 2018-2019 H&S Officers are: Chair- Kelly Gorel, Co-Chair - Denya Miller, and Secretary - Toni Nicole Benedetti. During the meeting and thereafter, Laura and Usha prepared Denya for her role. Laura will work with Kelly over the summer to ease the transition.
- The Third Grade Party will be today, June 14. Rita's Water Ice will be served and the third graders will receive SV sunglasses to wear at the Clap Out. H&S decided against the tee-shirt signing this year.
- SV's new principal will be Ms. Heather Hackl. We thank Dr. Karanjia for her dedication to SV and the SV community, and wish her well in her upcoming retirement.
- Back to School Night 2018 will be on September 27, 2018.

Laura requested a Motion to Adjourn, which was made by Denya Miller and seconded by Toni Nicole Benedetti.