



VIPS Parent Meeting Minutes

7.25.22 | 7pm | Innovation Lounge

Started 7:02pm

Attended: (see attendance sheet)

Agenda:

Chris - Welcome!

Kristen - thanks for coming! [Played get-to-know each other activity.]

The Viper Vanguard & VIPS

- Overview
 - New parents, take advantage of veteran parents. It's a lot to take in...but we are all back and the kids love it.
 - Overview of history (see agenda) - Meldrum has done a great job of building relationships with/between the students.
 - Students learn perseverance and loyalty. Build relationships that go behind high school.
 - First half the season - marching season. Second half - split into various bands, Winterguard, Drumline
 - Notables: Marching Season - came in 4th. Venom Winterguard placed 2nd!
- Show this year - The Network. Based on virtual reality game. Progress through levels. Working virtual atmosphere with fun sound elements. Band will be not be wearing standard uniforms - instead joggers, sleeveless hoodies, knockoff converse, etc. At the end, realize real life connections is how you win. Very positive and fun show concept.
 - Questions: Parent shirt will be short sleeved. Student long sleeved. Recommendation - order parent and students shirt at the same time.
- Introduced new board
- What is VIPS - Vanguard Involved Parent Support Team
 - 501c3
 - Mission: To support the Verrado High School Viper Vanguard and its programs.
 - Goals - Emotional Support, Personal Support, Monetary Support
 - It's everyone's role! (not just the board)

Budget

- Starting balance: \$26,699.53
 - Higher than normal which is so helpful as early expenses come in.
- Planned income for this year: \$60,600
 - VTC (marching band competition)
 - Thinking bringing back car show end of January
 - WGAZ - spring competitions
 - Various restaurant nights

- District decision to have all band involved with concessions - we will be selling food on the visitor side for football games
- Participant fees
- Donations
 - If you know businesses/organizations willing to be a sponsor, contact Kristen Reinhardt.
- Planned Expenses: \$59,455.85
 - includes clinicians (instructors), fees, music, sound, drill, props, equipment, transportation, social events, awards, gifts, donation
 - Feed the Band allows the kids to be fed for home football games (also great opportunity for parents to volunteer)
- Brian Lipman to approve budget, Chris Noel 2nd. All approved.
- Invoices and fees
 - New financial program! Yay!
 - Everyone will receive an invoice for the fall semester - personalized for each student. You will receive a link. Zoho is the software (don't delete it!) Check spam - you will receive a notification when invoices have been sent. Pay through Square. If prefer to pay by check or cash, you can do that at parent meetings - please let Vanessa know. (No money goes through Meldrum.) There will be deadlines, but payment plans available. Final due date August 19th.
 - Band Activity fee and Band Camp 2 fees need to be paid to the bookstore. Tax Credit can be used for these fees.

Events

- First fundraiser at MOD Pizza in September 22nd (20% - all day).
 - If you know of businesses willing to have a fundraiser, let Jennifer know.
- Viper Thunder Classic - October 1st
 - Instead of asking parents to donate items, are there businesses or other people willing to make a donation?
- Look for dates on the website calendar

Communication

- Go to website for info! - vipervanguard.com
- Band App - main communication tool

Relationships

- All this happens because we all do this together. Be as involved as you want to be.
- Stay informed - it's a lot. Reminder to use that Band App!
- If you can't do everything - go to football games and competitions. So fun!
- Complete parent info form so you can get emails and communication.

Next VIPS Meeting: Monday, August 15th

Adjourned: 8:29pm