

**V.A.S.E.MEETING**  
**May 1, 2008**

**Board Members Present:** Rania Lavranos, Melissa Morrill, Suzy Taylor and Christine Winters

**Other Members Present:** Rebecca Baldwin, Julie Bangs, Matt D'Andrea, Christina Fasciana, Tiffany Figueiredo, Jane McCarthy, Marissa Ortiz, Trina Waniga, Laura Zell

**Secretary's Report** – Suzy reviewed the minutes from our April meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Christine gave the amounts in each of our four accounts - \$3,412 in CD, \$37,646 in our money market, \$2,334 in checking and \$792 in the school store account. The report was accepted as submitted.

**Principal's Report** – Matt D'Andrea was in for Dona. He quickly highlighted some key activities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of MCAS will take place May 12-29 for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade math. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will also have Science and Social Studies. May 21-23 is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mountain Classroom trip. May 7<sup>th</sup> is a band concert. Staff Appreciation week is next week. Lastly he noted that they are reviewing resumes for the open Art teacher position. Interviews will be soon. (They received about 12 resumes for this position)

**Teacher Liaison** – Julie Bangs noted that Lynne Hoops has finished working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. She will be coming in on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to work with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders. She also noted that Phyllis Curado's retirement party is today (Thursday).

Julie also advised that Stacey Soucy seems to be ordering back-to-school supplies. VASE requested the teachers submit their supply list for this year so we can be better prepared for next year. Also, Christine will check into this with Stacey.

## **VASE UPDATES**

**By-Laws** – Rania explained that there was the need to change by-laws because the current ones state that new Board members are voted in at the "Annual Meeting" which is held in September. The Board felt it was important to get new board members selected by the end of the school year (May/June) so they are ready to start when the fiscal V.A.S.E. year begins in August. Rania read the suggested changes to the by-laws out loud that stated the new board members would be voted at the May or June meeting and would begin their term in August. All VASE members present voted in favor of the changes (12 members voted)

**GameWright Game Night** – The Game Night was very successful with about 100 people in attendance. In addition we took in \$688 in sales from the games and made about \$335 in profit.

**NStar** – the light bulb sale was a success. Bulbs will be delivered to the school in about 3 weeks. We raised \$1,760 in sales. It was suggested we do this fundraiser again. However, since the bulbs are supposed to last 10 years we all agreed this fundraiser should not be done too often. In addition, NStar selects the schools that are permitted to do this fundraiser and they vary their locations.

**Staff Appreciation Week** – Thursday is the V.A.S.E. sponsored luncheon. Jess Kelly and Becka Balwin will be coordinating this event. There will be a drop off at the bus loop at 9:45 so people can drive up and drop off their food items. Tiffany Figueiredo is in charge of a surprise gift for the teachers. Students are encouraged to write notes for their teachers and support staff members and put them in the school post boxes.

**End of School Event** – V.A.S.E. is sponsoring a fun event on May 21<sup>st</sup> for all of the students. We will be renting 3 inflatable items for the children to play on outside. Each group of kids will get 30 minutes to play. The teachers will need to coordinate the scheduling.

**Fundraising** – There was a fundraising meeting on Tuesday. The group all agreed that they did not want to do a catalog sale like we did last year. A group of volunteers has agreed to put together plans for a fall social event that would be our key fundraiser. Rania noted that there needs to be better communications regarding all the fundraising efforts at the school. There is confusion on who is fundraising and what the money is being used for.

**MOP** is planned for June 4<sup>th</sup> for all the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Betsy Kaplan is the chairperson and Laura Dadagian O'Rourke is helping.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade School Supplies** – Rania set up a program with Innisbrook so that parents can order supplies on-line. The pack will cost approximately \$65.00. A note will go home with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders soon.

**Playground Plans** – V.A.S.E. is researching purchasing some equipment to put in the back of the school for children to use during recess. Jane McCarthy explained how the Major Maintenance Committee works and their suggestion for a possible location of the equipment. The location is the first key issue that needs to be resolved before further planning can take place. Rania hopes to get a committee together to work on this.

**Update on Principle Search** – (by Jane McCarthy) they have received 20 résumés. The first meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. They hope to have interviews scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Jane also noted that at the next School

Committee meeting they will be honoring Rui, our Chinese exchange teacher and all those people that assisted her while she was here.

**New Board Members** – Christina Fasciana was voted in as the new V.A.S.E. Treasurer. Terry Allen was voted in as the new Secretary. Rania Lavranos was voted in to continue her role as President.

**Tabor Summer Camp Raffle** - - Matt D'Andrea picked Skye Kuppig, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, to win the raffle.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.**