



May 2025 Minutes

In Attendance:

Board: Chrissy Greer, Mimi Johnson, George Sisson, Joseph Clark (virtual), Renee Deschard, Colleen Ott,

MMSD/VHE Staff: Becca Stein, Elise Ford, Leah Glanzer (virtual)

Additional Community Members including Parents and Staff

Online: 1+

In-person: 3+

Call to order

A meeting of the VHE PTO was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chrissy Greer.

New business

So many activities are coming up in the coming month. Volunteers are still needed.

- Madison Children's Museum - FREE NIGHT for VHE
- Garden Committee Meeting - May 14
- Garden Planting Day - May 18 (volunteers needed)
- Hedgestock - May 21 (volunteers needed)
- No School - May 26
- VHE Grownup Social Hour - May 29
- VHE Night at the Mallards Game - June 4
- Field Day - June 6 (volunteers needed)

Garden Update: Elyse Ford

- Lots of donated plants for a butterfly/bee garden
- Many classes are involved in the garden
- A lot of positive examples of how it is benefiting the kids
- Hands on experience, sense of pride
- Gardener in Residence (through Rooted) to help educate and provide hands on learning
 - each grade level would spend three weeks in the Fall & Spring working on the garden

- Asks: 1) Looking for a parent liaison from the PTO Board to help 2) Looking for a VHE Staff/Teacher to be on the Volunteer Committee 3) Approval spending from the PTO \$6800 from the 2025-2026 Year
- **Motion Approved for the Spend in 2025-2026 PTO Budget**

PTO Sponsored Events - Renee Deschard

- Ice Cream Social - SEPT
- Fall Dance (only if someone volunteers)
- Day of Giving (only if someone volunteers)
- Teacher Potluck - Dates TBD
- Babysitting Night - December
- Night at MCM - January ?
- Glow Dance - February 6
- Carnival - March 13
- Teacher Potluck - Date TBD
- Makers Fair - May 2
- Kindergarten Kick-Off - May 2
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Hedgestock - May 21 (rain date May 28)
- Mallards Game
- Field Day June 5 (rain date June 9)

Recognition for Mimi as she is stepping down after 4 years on the board - Three years as Co-President.

School Updates (Becca)

- Teach Appreciation Week
 - The week was great! Teachers/staff really appreciated the gifts and the time that went into it
- Kindergarten meet-up
 - Had a great turnout. Some good take aways for next year
- Staffing Allocation
 - *See slides presented.
 - Very challenging to have .XX teachers, rather than full time
 - Welcoming Emma Arp as a 4th grade Teacher, Kristy Rohtery will be helping with PE

- Staffing will be finalized the third week in September
- Dropoff in the future - more structured drop-off, there will be markers on the playground, “pre-covid” style
 - Question about if there is any concerns with the increase in drop-off
 - Can we get a crossing guard down by the Kindergarten entrance
 - This will be for all grades. Supervision starts at 8:10 AM
 - School time will be 8:25 AM. 8:10 AM - line up, 8:15 AM - 1st Bell

Miscellaneous

- **Community Building - Grownups Night Out** - Odana Golf Course from 6-9pm. Recommended \$25 donation (May 29th)