

## **Minutes**

### **Vienna-Madison Community Coalition Board of Directors and Steering Committee Meeting**

**February 12, 2009**

Meeting Attendance: Maria Alvarez-Lundie, Tammy Belcher, Terra Cooke, Sara Freund, Edythe Kelleher, Michael Land, Deborah Roney

#### **I. Introduction**

Sara Freund reported that we had received the resignation of Therese Shelesky as President of the VMCC 501 c 3 and Coordinator of the VMCC Steering Committee effective on January 26, 2009. After a review of the VMCC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, it was agreed that Maria Alvarez-Lundie would become President of the VMCC 501 c 3 organization. We will need a new Vice President of the Board. We currently meet the minimum requirement of seven Board members.

We will need to find a new coalition coordinator. We definitely need to get parents of students at JMHS, TMS, and the elementary schools involved.

Deborah Roney presented the Treasurer's report.

#### **II. Action Items**

After considerable discussion, we determined the following action plan:

- We will get the following notices in JMHS MadMemos by the deadline of tonight:
  - 3rd Annual Cyber Summit on February 19, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Vinson Hall Auditorium, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, Mclean. The theme of this year's program is: Internet & Digital Technology: Teaching Our Children About Cyber-Safety, Cyber-Ethics, & Cyber-Security. Iris Beckwith, President of Connected4safety LLC, will be the guest speaker.
  - "An Evening with Carol Maxym, Ph.D.," Teens in Turmoil author, on March 19 at 7:30pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Road, in Vienna.
- Programs sponsored by VMCC at Thoreau MS will include:
  - Bong Show
  - August Parent Orientation Meeting – presentation on drug and alcohol issues and challenges for parents to be aware of as they enter middle schools; to include youth survey statistics.

Terra Cooke, parent liaison at Thoreau, will take the lead on planning these programs with assistance from others.

- Programs sponsored by VMCC at Madison HS will include:
  - We will put a parent tip in every MadMemos publication along with our new website address by the deadline each month. We will need to determine what the parent tip will be at each monthly VMCC meeting. Sara is asked to notify Diane Eckert of our need to take our website live by March 1.
  - Terra is looking into reserving the meeting room at Patrick Henry Library for a tutorial with parents on Cyber Safety and presentation by Iris Beckwith. We will also recruit high school seniors to help parents understand how to access the social host websites on their laptops brought to the meeting.
  - Sara to contact Susan Wisseman, President of PTSA, to determine if we can add a presentation on the 2008 Youth Survey results onto the April PTSA meeting at 7:30pm. We could run the meeting before the PTSA meeting starts. Sara will find out if the Madison pyramid's survey statistics are available yet.

This spring we need to consider how to send home “parent tips” in the elementary school newsletters, parent packets, etc. We agreed that we need to start early in providing information to parents.

### III. Future Meeting Dates:

We agreed to **change the April VMCC meeting from April 2 to Wed., April 1**. Sara is to confirm that we can meet in the Senior Lounge at VCC.

The citizen's meeting of the Police Chief's Advisory Council will be held in Vienna's Chief Council Chamber on April 2 at 7:00pm. We each should attend if possible.

In summary, the VMCC meeting dates for the rest of the school year are the first Thursday of the month except for the change in April:

March 5  
April 1  
May 7  
June 4

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Freund  
Board Member  
February 17, 2009