

Twila Jacobs	Tec-Harrison Classroom Aide – eff 1/20/15 *
Marilyn Durham	Riley Day Care Aide

* Pending Background Security Clearance

Hannah Lengacher	Franklin After School Kdgn Tutor **
Emily Snider	Franklin After School Kdgn Tutor **
Christin Wyant	Franklin After School Kdgn Tutor **
Casey Kotter	Franklin After School Kdgn Tutor **
Lori Norrick	Riley After School Kdgn Tutor **
Morgan Kitzman	Riley After School Kdgn Tutor **
Gina Kerns	Tec-Harrison After School Kdgn Tutor **
Marcia Combs	Tec-Harrison After School Kdgn Tutor **
Nicholas Combs	Tec-Harrison After School Kdgn Tutor **
Jackie Harker	Vigo After School Kdgn Tutor **
Sabrina McGill	Vigo After School Kdgn Tutor **

** Spring 2015 - \$18.00 per hour – paid from grant with timecards

Maggie Rutherford	CMS Swim Coach
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Leaves:

Mary Ann Bible	Admin Assistant requests Surgical/Medical Leave of Absence from 2/2/15 for 4 to 6 weeks
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All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted.

E. Donations

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Dulin	\$ 300.00	For VCSC Nurses' Fund
Target® Field Trips	\$ 700.00	Vigo Transportation Costs for 5 th Grade Marengo Caves field trip in Spring
Local Coordination Council For Drug Free Knox County	\$2,000.00	To offset cost of adding panels to LHS Drug Screenings

F. Fundraiser Requests

LHS RAK Club (Random Acts of Kindness) requests permission to conduct a “*Change War*” during the month of February 2015. Proceeds will be donated to the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society.

LHS JROTC requests permission to conduct fundraiser for their “*Army JROTC 99th Anniversary Run*” from April 1 through 25, 2015. Proceeds will be used to pay for travel expenses for field trips, drill competitions, rifle matches, awards, and uniforms.

LHS Interact/Vincennes Rotary Club requests permission to hold a “*Mr. Alice*” fundraiser on Monday, November 23, 2015. Proceeds will be used for the club and their ECA account, in addition to Polio Plus, which is Rotary’s focus and more so with eradication.

G. Use of Facilities

LHS Interact Club requests permission to use LHS Ader Auditorium, Dance Room, and Dressing Rooms on Monday evening, November 23, 2015 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. to hold their “*Mr. Alice Pageant*”.

Susan Marchino and Melissa Pancake introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Ornduff as the new Elementary Music Teacher for VCSC. Elizabeth graduated in December from ISU and is a member of the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra. She is excited about her new position and we welcome her to VCSC.

Dave Hill, Assistant Principal of Lincoln High School, gave a presentation on the \$2,000 donation received from the Local Coordination Council for Drug Free Knox County. This money will be used to offset the cost of adding panels, especially that of “synthetic marijuana” to the drug screenings at LHS.

Discussion Items:

Melissa Pancake reported on a “Pass for a Pool Pass” campaign that was an idea of IREAD Summer School teachers Amy Boberg and Amber Soderling to increase students’ motivation during summer school. The two teachers discussed possible incentives for students and contact was made with Steve Beaman of the Vincennes Parks & Recreation Department for possible passes to Rainbow Beach for those students passing the IREAD test at the end of their summer school session. Mr. Beaman agreed to provide one-time passes to all third grade students passing the IREAD test in the summer, as well as to all third grade students that pass the test in the spring. Local businessman Jack Lucas then came forward to support the campaign and plans to send out letters asking fellow Vincennes business owners to join him in contributing to a fund to purchase 20-punch pool passes at \$40 each to be used for drawings. Not only would a student passing the test receive a one-time pass, but they would be entered into a drawing for a 20-punch pool pass. Contributions can be made to Franklin School PTO, which will manage the fund, but all VCSC third graders will benefit.

Decision Items:

By unanimous vote the board approved Colonel Lee Baker, Senior JROTC Army Instructor, and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Michael Brankle, Alice Battalion Commander’s request to host a *1 Mile Fun Run, 5K Run and Bike Ride* event to commemorate the 99th Anniversary of JROTC. The event is part of a worldwide commemoration of the anniversary with units around the world running simultaneously. The race is expected to break the Guinness World Record for “most participants in a 5K run, multi-location”. The event will be held on April 25, 2015 and early registration will be \$10 and \$15 after April 1st. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Brankle will present the proposed event to the Knox County Commissioners Meeting on January 21, 2015 to seek their approval.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley’s request to accept an Indiana Literacy Early Intervention Grant in the amount of \$31,992 for all K-2 students. Title 1 Lead Teachers Brooke Newton from Riley, Mollie Ravellette from Vigo and Kathi Berry from Tecumseh-Harrison gave a presentation on the grant.

Mrs. Newton explained that all four Title 1 Lead Teachers (which also includes Chris Clements from Franklin) collaborated to apply for this grant from Indiana Department of Education, which provided the funds to public schools in order to establish and/or continue scientifically-based early literacy intervention programs for students in kindergarten through second grade. They applied for the grant in hopes that we could purchase a research-based intervention program for our Reading Labs. It is believed having a research-based program will benefit some of our students that are not showing adequate growth in reading. We also believe that using the same program in all of our labs will benefit our transient population. After research it was decided the Leveled Literacy Intervention program by Fountas & Pinnell was a good fit for our program. It has lessons in reading fluency, different genres of literature, writing and phonics work-study.

Each of the four elementary schools was awarded \$7,998 to purchase the Leveled Literacy Intervention kits for kindergarten through second grades.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to approve an agreement with the Knox County Commissioners that provides for those instances in which a school bus turnaround is needed that is on county property. This is a State Board of Accounts requirement and the three county school corporations each enter into an agreement with the county for repairs of these turnarounds. The agreement calls for the VCSC to pay for the materials (i.e. stone) and the Knox County Highway Department will haul the materials and also handle the labor of the materials. It is a rarity that the VCSC would have a turnaround that is in the county, but considering the county commissioners are in charge of all bridges it is possible that a situation in a bridge area could occur where a turnaround may be needed.

Aaron Bauer wanted to thank all VCSC administrators for addressing the "bullying" issue in our schools and with providing a wonderful program for our students and parents. He also welcomed Elizabeth Ornduff aboard and congratulated her on her many accomplishments at her young age.

Lynne Bobe thanked Franklin Elementary for hosting tonight's meeting and the enlightening program they presented. She also congratulated Mr. Hill and the receipt of funds to increase the drug screening at Lincoln High School. She also thanked all those involved in the "Pass for a Pool Pass" program and their help with our students. She also extended her appreciation for all the hard work the Title 1 teachers did in obtaining the grant to aid our kindergarten through second grade students with their reading. She knows how much time is spent in applying and receiving these grants.

Barb Toole and Karla Smith stated that finding the motivation for kids to improve themselves and developing relationships in our community with the "Pass for a Pool Pass" program is fantastic. We definitely need more of that by allowing the community in with our schools. She also welcomed Mrs. Ornduff to VCSC. She thanked all the individuals and groups that made donations to VCSC to help deter problems stating they are greatly appreciated. She congratulated leadership of JROTC for doing such a great job and thanked everyone involved in the K-2 literacy grant.

Greg Parsley stated that much has been discussed in the *Vincennes Sun Commercial* over the last week as it pertains to the direction of which the VCSC may go with our elementary schools. It has been suggested, or at least implied, that the VCSC may consider that of just one elementary "mega" school, but that may not be the direction people in the community want to go. They may want to keep the "neighborhood schools", which would require extensive remodeling. He stated that in the short term public forums will be held, both with the community and with teachers and PTOs in the buildings. Greg stated that we would be paying off the loan for Lincoln High School in December 2015 and he is not looking at raising the tax base. He stated the community must have their voices heard and is looking forward to having these conversations.

Mr. Parsley also wanted to let us know that there would be a joint Board meeting with VCSC and Washington Community School Corporation on Wednesday, February 4th, at 6:00 p.m. at the VCSC Administration Building. The purpose of this joint meeting is a possible partnership on reducing utility costs. A presentation will be made by Cenergistic, which specializes in energy conservations. Due to the size of each of our corporations, we will need to partner in order for the project to work.

Pat Hutchison also thanked Franklin Elementary for hosting the meeting and invited everyone to partake in the refreshments being provided.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Patrick P. Hutchison, President

Barbara L. Toole, Secretary