

Meeting Minutes

Uplift Meridian VIP (Volunteers In Partnership)

Date: 8/13/19

Location: Uplift Meridian

Meeting Called to Order By: Ashley Johnson **Time:** 5:40 pm

First VIP meeting of the school year More than 40 in attendance

Introductions of administrative staff and teachers. New VIP officers introduced.

President Ashley Johnson

Vice President Leticia Carrasco

Treasurer Maribel Huerta

Secretary Debbie Cheatham

New Business

- VIP was discussed, parents were informed on how to become involved. Parents were encouraged to sign up to help with upcoming activities. Parents are able to sign up through the VIP Facebook page.
- Parents were reminded that in order to volunteer, they must register with VOLY. Anyone wanting to volunteer at the school must have a background check through VOLY. Background checks have to be renewed annually.
- Upcoming events were discussed
 - Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15 -10/15, activities to be announced
 - Bookfair September 23rd – 27th Volunteers will be needed
 - Open House 8/20 - Kindergarten and 1st grade, 8/21 - 2nd and 3rd grade, 8/22 - 4th and 5th grade. Volunteers will be needed to help decorate.
- The need for communication between staff and parents was discussed. Parents are encouraged to use PARENTLINK for communication with their scholar's teacher and other parents. It was suggested that more information go out regarding PARENTLINK and how to use the application.
- The need for room parents was discussed and the teachers were asked what responsibilities room parents should have. Possible responsibilities would be assisting with decorating the classroom bulletin boards, assisting the teacher with making copies and assisting with communicating classroom needs such as parties and supplies needed with other classroom parents. More discussion will happen regarding how to identify room parents and how room parents may be helpful in VIP recruitment.
- It was discussed that parent volunteers who can, serve a 2 week rotation with volunteering at the school. Due to the small number of volunteers, this idea will be discussed at a later date.
- Some of the parents discussed why they are involved in VIP, stating that their children are proud to see them at the school volunteering. Parents were encouraged to participate, take interest and be active in the activities of the school.

- Childcare for the VIP meetings was discussed. There will be parent volunteers to watch the children during the monthly VIP meeting. The volunteer parent will receive the minutes from the meeting via Facebook on the VIP Leadership Team page or email to review what was missed.
 - Ms. Fredricks will provide childcare for the month of September
 - Ms. Mary McKay will provide childcare the month of October.

Topics to be discussed next month

- Planning for Hispanic Heritage month
- Planning for the Fall Festival

Meeting Adjourned At: 6:40

Minutes Compiled By: Debbie Cheatham – Secretary