



VALLEY OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Home of the Wildcats

Aman Athwal, Principal
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IDAC Meeting Agenda **Conversation with the Principal**

1. Campus Update
2. Measure A
3. Parent Connect
4. Parent Square
5. Upcoming Events
 - a. Carnival- October 18
 - b. Parent Conference Day- November 1st (no school)
 - c. Donuts with Dudes- November 15th
 - d. Awards- 3rd grade 1pm; 4-6th grade 1:30pm (Athletic/Academic)
 - e. Winter Program- December 12th
6. Questions/Input

Thank you for joining tonight! If you have future topics you'd like to discuss, please email me!



IDAC Meeting Minutes

Conversation with the Principal

1. Campus Update

- a. Mrs. Athwal explains that things are going well. Kids are returning to routines and so are staff. We are finishing hiring, especially in the SPED programs that we have. There are still some positions that we are trying to complete and fill. Schoolwide, things are progressing well.

2. Measure A

- a. On the ballot this coming November
- b. Want the community to understand where the money will go if it is approved
- c. Mrs. Athwal shared the Measure A PowerPoint with attendees
- d. This is a complete facilities bond measure
 - i. Will help maintain facilities we have and complete new facilities
- e. This comes from the major growth that the district is experiencing
- f. Extends but does not increase the current tax rate that is in place
 - i. Has not been increased since 2012
- g. Shared main highlights—safety and energy upgrades, finish Clovis South, and modernize current facilities
- h. All Bond funds are spent or committed to currently
- i. More than 30 schools over 30 years old
 - i. Schools are getting older and need upgrades
- j. The tax rate stays the same and is equitable across the district
- k. Parent question: There will be an increase in students with the boundary change next year correct? If so, how will the increase in students affect the current student population without room for growth in classrooms?
 - i. Mrs. Athwal explained that we currently have open seats, and we are also an overflow school for our area.
 - ii. She also explained the why behind the boundary change and why it is so necessary.
- l. At our school site, Measure A improvements will include:
 - i. Roof replacement
 - ii. Safety enhancements
 - iii. AV technology
 - iv. LED lighting upgrades
- m. Finishing Clovis South High School is a big part of this bond measure
- n. When the bond measure gets approved, we also get qualified to receive matching funds from the state



- o. Local money cannot be taken from the state either
- p. Measure A video shared with attendees

3. Parent Connect

- a. Mrs. Athwal shared a little bit about Parent Connect
- b. This is the main location for updated grades
- c. Parents can see grades as teachers update them and see student attendance
- d. Parents can also opt to receive emails from Parent Connect to get nightly summaries of assignments
- e. Parents can also clear absences through Parent Connect

4. Parent Square

- a. Parents asked how it is going
 - i. Parents said it was going well
 - ii. Parent asked if the direct message option is better than an email
 - 1. Mrs. Athwal responded by sharing that it just depends on the topic and the teacher.
- b. Teachers use ParentSquare and are trying to utilize it more efficiently and effectively
- c. Shared struggles at times with messages coming through at times of concern (nighttime, early morning, etc.)
 - i. Parents agreed and highlighted they felt teachers should have a life

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