**Prospect Valley PTA**

**November 10, 2011**

**General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15 pm**

1. Call Meeting to Order: **3:03**
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Reading and Approval of the Oct 2011 Minutes – **Motion made and passed**
4. Reports of Officers

* Presidents’ Reports (Guy Nahmiach and Heidi Olivera)
  + Sponsorship needs continue. Efforts need to be combined. We need more money to sustain what we have now, not for new programs. Asking for money from families isn’t feasible anymore. Looking for companies to sponsor our school for one year (not a specific event).
  + School board – board meeting tonight. Elected Board members are being sworn in. You can follow the meetings on twitter.
  + Proposition 103 got defeated by a large majority. $70 million will be cut from the Jeffco School budget in the next two years. Further reduction being proposed by Hickenlooper.
* Treasurers’ Report (Jillian Jacobs and Heather Kennedy)- see attached report
  + Total income for October was $2,517.79
  + Total expenses for October was $9,147.42
* Vice President/Principal’s Report (Mike Collins)
  + Building Leadership Team (BLT)
    - Looking at data. Need to focus on math. In the past year the struggling students haven’t made the growth they need to make. We did have huge growth in writing. Also, talking about homework and the philosophy behind it. Trying to make sure it is consistent.
  + Going over the budget at the PIE meeting – everyone is welcome.
  + Field Day – hoping we can get it in next week.
  + Health improvement program –healthy snacks and exercise breaks during class
  + Food drive – collected 4540 cans. Rutledge’s class won.
  + Veterans Day celebration. Flag raising ceremony and veterans coming to Ramirez’s class at 1:00.
  + 5th grade students are going to Ameritown after Thanksgiving
  + Rotary Club is coming in to distribute dictionaries and thesauruses to 3rd/4th graders
  + Our Discipline Committee is looking at the Positive Prospector Program to make it easier to implement and more effective. The committee is also looking at the Importance of communication and record keeping around discipline.
  + Focus group next week to talk about how Mike is doing as a principal
  + Cindy Stevenson (Superintendent) visited a few weeks ago. Looked at every classroom, was very complimentary.
  + Grate near the curb on the east side of the school is fixed.

1. Technology Update (Amy O’Neill and Sherry Becker)

* Hankinson –NCES Kids Zone – lets you create graphs and helps kids understand how to use and interpret data. Using laptop carts in the classroom for this.
* Rutledge – Power DVD – Outdoor Lab. Used Flip video cameras, digital cameras, and Kodak video cameras while at Outdoor Lab. Thanks to the PTA for funds for the evening speakers at Outdoor Lab as well as the technology funds that bought some of the cameras they used.
* Amy – did not get the clicker grant. Have spent most of the money. 6 laptops, projector, smart speakers. Will probably use the rest for a speaker/receiver.

1. Reports of Committees

* Barnes and Noble Night (Rachel Rohner and Kaylyn Wilson) – new date: Monday December 12th. Going to have guest readers, scavenger hunt for parents, drawing for dinner for two and a babysitter.
* Business Directory (Allsion Kenney) – form to purchase ad space is online and in the flash. The directory will have a new layout this year.
* Butter Braid Sale (Jennifer Hess and Shelley Sherrill) – made approx. $6000. Sold approx. 850 butter braids and 350 cookies. Being delivered tomorrow.
* Carnival (Alisha Neal and Donna Solomon) – using tickets instead of wristbands.
* Cartridge Recycling (Kim Route) - CFK program is doing very well so far this  
  year....hope it continues! So far, we have received one check for $114.03.
* Destination ImagiNation (Chelly Vitry): Requested $ increase. It’s up and running. We have 5 teams committed and possibly one more. To fund we need $950, right now we have $500 budgeted. **Motion made and passed to charge students $10 to participate and PTA pay the difference.**
* ExCEL Grade level activities (Jennifer Yates) – most teachers have used their money or planned their events.
* Family Support (Sonjia Onotrato and Michelle Carlock) – provided treats for Halloween, new parents, and volunteers for hearing and vision screening day.
* Legislative update (Susan Sherrod) – legislative committee is meeting on Monday night.
* PV Gold Rush 5K (Wendy Browne and Heidi Lorenz) – hoped to make $5000. Made about $7800. Had about 350 people participate. Pictures coming soon. Need someone to run it next year as well as about 10 people to help with the planning and execution. If we want to have our run at Sloans Lake, we need to request a permit now. For next year, could we offer the option of sponsoring runners? What is cost/benefit of being a qualifier for the Bolder Boulder? Taking yearbook photos Friday for the Gold Rush, Farmer 5000, track meet, and Cross Country winners at 7:30 am.
* Reflections (Lisa McMullen and Tracy Langworthy) – most money went to supplies and prizes. We had lots of kids participate in the Reflection parties but not very many of those kids entered their projects. Had 19 entries (46% increase over last year). Hall of fame is tomorrow. Lisa/Tracy may bring overbudget expenses next month.
* Restaurant fundraisers (Lisa McMullen) – Qdoba with B&N night. Guy has a meeting with CPK next week.
* Silent Auction (Erin Perrin) –March 16th. Theme: March masquerade. Flash announcement: poster contest – all kids can enter. Poster will be framed and auctioned off. Silent auction is on facebook. First donation committee meeting was last night; need more people to help solicit donations.
* Wee Deliver (Susan Kissell) - Wee Deliver will be up and running soon!
* Wish List (Heather Kennedy) – updates went to teachers this week. People seem to be purchasing items.
* Yearbook (Leza Frazee and Denise Miller) – Student council chose the cover of our yearbook. Having our first planning/training meeting on Friday, Nov. 18th at 7:00 at Denise’s house. If you can’t make the meeting but are interested in helping please contact Denise at 303-717-4971 or [themillermail@gmail.com](mailto:themillermail@gmail.com). Make sure you submit your pictures to either Denise or to Leza. If you don’t turn in picture, there is a good chance your kid won’t appear in the book besides their individual portrait.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

* Backpack books program (Derrith Bartling): Funding request – representing K-3. RAH (read at home). Ensures a “good-fit” book for each kid (all K/1 students and partially proficient 2/3 students). Asking for $1500 for 300 books. Also need a volunteer to coordinate the book program. Rebekah Brown volunteered to manage the program. Will hold a book drive for a couple of weeks. Will see what we can get from a book drive and then revisit how much money we need at our December meeting.
* Optimists (Tracy Langworthy) - would like to know how they can be more involved in our school.
* Watch-Dog Dads – lock and camera on the front door, what about the back door? Heidi will bring up to PIE.
* Homework Club (Lluvia) - Thanks for supporting the bilingual families of our school. Has been a huge success.

VII. Announcements

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| **November 11** | **Butter Braids delivered** |
| **November 11** | **Trimester ends** |
| **November 14** | **Report cards go home** |
| **November 21-25** | **No school** |
| **December 8** | **PTA Meeting (3:00-4:15)** |
| **December 12** | **Barnes and Noble Night** |
| **December 12** | **Qdoba restaurant fundraiser** |
| **December 12-16** | **6th Grade Rock Sale** |
| **?** | **PIE Meeting (5:30-7:00)** |
| **December 15** | **Musical Grades 3 and 4** |
| **December 16** | **Classroom holiday parties** |
| **Dec 19 – Jan 3** | **No school** |

VIII. Adjournment **4:27**