**Prospect Valley PTA**

**October 6, 2011**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order **3:05**
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Reading/Approval of the September 2011 Minutes – **Motion Made and Passed**
4. Reports of Officers

* Presidents’ Reports (Guy Nahmiach & Heidi Olivera)
* Snack list – passed around the sign-up sheet; still have some openings including November.
* Sponsorship – With the forecasted population shift and reduction in education dollars, corporate sponsorship will be even more important to our school. Need local businesses to help support our school. Our kids are the future employees of these companies. Abruscis and Applewood Plumbing have helped us out. Starbucks is providing free coffee to parents at Field Day. If you know of a company that might be able to help sponsor our school let Guy know.
* Yahoo! Group – not PTA sponsored. Just a way for parent to communicate with each other. You can opt out of the group if you want to.
* WR event – Heidi help fill this in
* Gifted and Talented – Heidi help
* Treasurer’s Report (Jillian Jacobs & Heather Kennedy) – see attached report
* Volunteers for monthly review – need PTA member to review bank statements monthly.
* Committee Plan of Work update – Heather Kennedy is meeting with our chairs to discuss the budget for our events. This is a good time to request more money if you think you might need it.
* Dance was free and pizza’s were donated by Abrusci’s reducing our direct cost. Our net expense was $238.98.
* Vice President/Principal’s Report (Mike Collins)
  + Applewood Baptist Church (Pastor Rob Wolcott) – Children’s pastor. Goal: to find ways that ABC can partner with school. Rob thanked Mr. Collins for his help in securing the Fall Festival on 10/31 at PV. There will be bouncy castles, food, and games. This will be a free event.
  + Wheat Ridge Area Resource Officer (Officer Barry Malloy) – couldn’t make it to today’s meeting. Will try to get him to come to our next meeting
  + Garden meeting was last night. A lot of steps to get that going. Slow Foods came and spoke.
  + Gifted kids/ALP – providing structures to challenge those kids. Working on getting info from staff.
  + Three retired teachers are going to work with struggling kids starting in Nov thru March. Teachers will select kids.
  + Curriculum night – going through surveys
  + Wellness Committee – meeting with the coordinator on Monday (10/10/11). Will be going through plan. Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Johnson are on the committee
  + Early Release day – was successful – lots of training
  + Watch Dog Dads – 19 Dads have signed up. Dads will come to school one day/year to help out with safety and security. Great way to get Dads involved. Will be recruiting more Dads.
  + Track Meet – huge success. Thanks Mr. Dout!
  + PST – Problem Solving Team – kids need a lot of extra help – problem solve, revisit in 6 weeks
  + Trimester ends 11/11; reports cards go home on 11/14.
  + Lot’s going on in the school district, politically. Handed out information flyer “Jeffco: Just the Facts/Q&A”.

1. Technology Presentation (Amy O’Neill & Sherry Becker)

* Thanks for sending Amy and other teachers to TIE sessions – very beneficial
* Each month Amy will share something they are doing in our school
* Applied for a grant for “clickers”. Not sure when we will hear back.
* K (Becker), 6 (Rutledge): presentation of how they use Smart Boards/Technology in their classrooms
* Will issue check for $6000 to technology, Amy will report back with what they buy

1. Reports of Committees

* PV Gold Rush 5K (Wendy Browne & Heidi Lorenz) – 10 days until race. 155 registered runners. Tomorrow is deadline for early registration. Will probably hit 200. Volunteer sheets are going in Monday folders asking for families to donate bananas/oranges or cash. Should hit our $5000 goal. Have plenty of prizes.
* Membership Report (Denise Miller & Heidi Floyd) – Have about 210 members. Only 6 are staff. Will send out another form to teachers. Amy will present membership form at next staff meeting.

Barnes and Noble Night (Rachel Rohner & Kaylyn Wilson) – Rachel and Guy meeting with B&N next week to understand our permiters in how we can best promote our event using their new rules. No hand bells this year. Asking kids that were in talent show last year to perform. Have a 20 minute segment of entertainment that needs to be filled. Event rescheduled for Dec. 6th.

Business Directory (Allison Kenney) – Allison is our new chair. Heidi, help

* Butter Braid Sale (Jennifer Hess & Shelley Sherrill) – going home in Monday folder. Including cookies in the sale this year. $12 each, $5 comes back to the school. Money due by the 1st. Need volunteers to distribute the butter braids and cookies on Nov. 11th.
* Carnival (Alisha Neal & Donna Solomon) – A few possible changes - selling wrist bands vs. tickets. Wrist bands will cover games, snow cones and prizes. $7/wristband, 200 minimum. Won’t have to inventory prizes at the end. Carnival company will no longer waive processing fee ($400) for ticket sells. Will still need tickets for balloons, popcorn, etc… Need to figure out how we can handle more people. **Motion made and passed to switch to wristbands at the carnival.**
* Cartridge Recycling (Kim Route) – A few good pickups in September.
* Dance (Tanya Pomponia, Lori Fugate & Carrie Harris) – how do people feel about free pizza? Brought in people that normally wouldn’t have come. Should we have a donation jar? Should have had someone filling drinks rather than letting kids help themselves. To have one free event is good. Next year put a sign out on the table saying “Thanks to Abrusci’s for Donating the Pizza”. Approx. 250 people attended.
* ExCEL Grade level activities (Jennifer Yates) – funding requests, see below
* Family Support (Sonjia Onotrato & Michelle Carlock) - Looking for a volunteer who has a sewing machine that can stitch letters onto onesies for a PV baby gift (Onesies stitched with "PV Baby").  Otherwise no needs have arisen yet.
* Grandparent’s Day (Jennifer Yates) – great turnout. Some teachers had escorts to get grandparents out – very helpful.
* Hospitality (Sonjia Onorato & Kim Route) - will be hosting the Teacher's Conference dinner on Oct. 12th from 4-7.  Vision & hearing Screening is coming up and Hospitality will provide snacks and refreshments to the volunteers working this day.
* Legislative update ---Proposition 103 (Susan Sherrod) – most info came from the “blue book”. [www.coloradobluebook.com](http://www.coloradobluebook.com). Proposes to increase taxes and to commit revenues to public education.
* Reflections (Lisa McMullen & Tracy Langworthy) – kickoff party was on Tuesday. Had 25 kids show up. Have another party next Tuesday. Have already doubled our number of entries from last year. Rec’d Cold Stone ½ off coupons for participants. Projects due next Friday.
* Room Parents (Janene Martinsen)
* Silent Auction (vacant) -– there are several people interested in chairing the event. First planning meeting is on Oct. 12th at Cara Jakabs from 1:30-2:30. Ask Heidi if you have questions or need directions.
* Student Directory (Leeanne DiGiacomo & Denise Miller) – distributed to the teachers today. Should show up in your Monday folders.
* Walk to School Day (Dayna Ashley-Oehm & Sarah Reeves) – 197 participants; 40% participation. Mrs. Rutledges class had the most participants.
* Wish List (Heather Kennedy) – can we ask Room Parents to share wish list to other parents
* Yearbook (Leza Frazee) – need photos from some of the events we have had so far.

V. Unfinished Business

* none

VI. New Business

* Outdoor Lab funds request ($600) – for 3 speakers. Will use the $1000 scholarship money to cover the speakers.
* 2nd grade ExCEL funds increase request ($55) – **motion made and passed**

VII. Announcements

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| **Oct 10 - Nov 1** | | **Butter Braid Sales** | |
| **October 12-13** | | **Fall Conferences** | |
| **October 16** | | **Gold Rush 5K/1K** | |
| **October 17-21** | | **6th Grade to Outdoor Lab (Windy Peak)** | |
| **October 18** | | **Individual Picture Retakes** | |
| **October 24** | | **Hearing and Vision Screening** | |
| **October 26** | | **Early Release @12:15** | |
| **October 27** | | **Track and Field Day (Grades 2,4,5)** | |
| **October 28** | | **Track and Field Day (Grades 1,3,6)** | |
| **October 31** | | **Fall Parties** | |
| **November 10** | | **PTA Meeting 3:00-4:15** | |
| **November 10** | | **PIE Meeting 5:30-7:00** | |
| **November 11** | | **Butter Braids Delivered** | |

VIII. Adjournment : 4:33