Meeting Minutes

Date:

10/2/2025

Time:

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Facilitator:

Kelli Binder, PTA President

In Attendance:

So many lovely PTA members

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were discussed from the May meeting and were approved with no questions.

- Shannon Thomas made a motion to approve
- Becca Higgins seconded the motion
- October's meeting minutes will be approved at the November meeting, scheduled for 11/6/2025 @2:50 PM

PTA Board

Kelli Binder – President

Samantha Walker – President Elect

Larissa Quirk – Treasurer

Majken Berglund – Secretary

PTA Mission Statement

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The Mission of the Prospect Valley PTA is to support our PV families, teachers, and staff and to help nurture a strong community that promotes connection, inclusion, and fun.

Welcome & Intros

Attendees introduced themselves and listed how many kids are currently at PV.

Robert's Rules Reminders: Meeting Process Review

Below is a list of relevant key terms, if needed:

Key Term	Description
Motion	A formal proposal to put a topic to vote beginning with two different phrases from two different PTA members. Motions begin with the following phrase: **"I move that…"** Motions progress with the following phrase by a member who agrees with a motion: **"I second the motion"** or **"I second"**
Discussion	Every member is given a chance to communicate their views on the motion topic one after the other. Discussion Rules: I. **Listen respectfully**, without interrupting II. **Listen actively** and with an ear to understanding others' views III. **Criticize ideas**, not each other
Votes	All votes will be conducted electronically via email after the close of a meeting. **Note:** A ⅔ majority is required to pass a vote.

Below is the Robert's Rules process for the PV PTA:

- A member Makes a motion
- Another member who agrees seconds the motion
- The Board calls for discussion and invites open discussions on every topic
- An electronic voting form is sent after the meeting
  - A 2/3 majority is required to pass a motion

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President's Report – Kelli Binder

I. Kelli reported out on September's activities and thanked some volunteers who headed the effort(s).

- Andy was honored at a Rockies game as an outstanding educator. We are all hoping there is video footage of him saluting the cameras because he did not know what else to do ☺
  - Thanks to all who participated, PV PTA will receive $250
- The Farmers event was a hit as per usual
  - There were so many runners that PV earned a $500 prize
- The Membership drive yielded amazing results. We now have 138 members!
  - **Shannon** – Thank you for your efforts here. It is amazing what you can do
    - The winning class is **Ms. Ferris.** Her class will receive a TBD award!
- The Carnival was a blast and bittersweet
  - **Becca** – You did an incredible job for over a decade running the Carnival and taking care of us all. Becca is a PV alum and is moving on to a nursing floor soon. She is passing the baton (and tutu) to Jamie, also a PV alum
  - Thank you to all volunteers
- The Costume Drive has kicked off
  - **Brianna** –Thank you for taking this on – it is such a unique drive and means so much to so many

Treasurer's Report

I. The 2025-2026 annual budget was approved. Here are some quick updates:
- **Corporate sponsorship funds** are coming in and related expenses are noted
- **Fun Run contributions** are coming in steadily

Principal's Report

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I. Andy introduced a guest speaker: David Alex
   - David is formally an elementary school teacher and an Assistant Principal with Andy 23 years ago
   - David encouraged collaboration between PV and Everett families and shared Everett's focus on supporting children in early adolescence:
     - **They belong**
     - **They matter**
     - **They are enough**
   - David highlighted the experienced teaching staff and upcoming events:
     - Carnival: 10/17, 4:40 – 7:30 PM
     - Coffee with potential new parents: October 23rd
     - Open House: 11/13/25

II. Andy announced possible district budget cuts for the 2026 – 2027. District presentation deck forthcoming. See below for some highlights:
   - District plans to reduce the budget by **$60 million (3–4% per school)**, approximately **$80,000** for PV.
   - Cuts driven by declining birth rates and student enrollment
   - Funding is **per student (~$8,500 each)**; PV's healthy enrollment is due to "choice-in" families
   - Potential impacts may include reductions in maintenance, infrastructure, SPED, or district-level administrative roles
   - ***Parent reminder:*** Ballots drop next week (vote by Nov 4). Local ballot measures **LL** and **MM** support school funding and free meals for all students. The Colorado PTA supports these bills

III. Andy announced our teacher spotlight: Tera Grey, Learning Specialist
   - This is Tera's fourth year at PV wherein she supports students in reading, writing, and math intervention groups
   - Tera works with IEP students (she is one of three learning specialists)
   - Tera shared personal story and passion for teaching and discussed her adorable two-year old daughter (bring her next time ☺)
   - Andy shared that staff prioritized keeping Tara on board during district funding uncertainty

Committee Reports

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I. **Carnival** – Becca Higgins: Thank you for an incredible 13 years

II. **Accountability** – Laura Mattox & Kristin Hume: N/A

III. **Prospector Post** – Hillary Joseph: N/A

IV. **Directory** – Katia Doughtery: We are so close to being done:
- Wrapping up and heading to print next week

V. **Fun Run** – Sara Stites: Here are the update for the best fundraiser ever:
- Scheduled for **Thursday, 10/9** (conference day, right before long weekend).
- Volunteer needs: Morning and afternoon slots
- Coffee and lunch will be provided for volunteers.
- **Fundraising Goal:** $60,000 (exceeded in last two years with help from corporate matching); $19k is the current total
- Fundraising link went live on 9/15; Givebacks updated to allow donor tracking and photo uploads.
- **Prizes:** Preview planned for students. Five Below donated 450 items; fun water bottles included.
- Volunteer support requested for donations and event day (Please check the Flash for sign-ups)
- Prize eligibility: Donations must be received by October 8 (funds accepted through October 17).

VI. **Spelling Bee** – Rachel Trauner: N/A

VII. **Special Persons Day** – N/A

VIII. **Room Chair** – Allison Grigel: N/A

IX. **Teacher/Staff Liaison** – Allison Grigel: N/A

X. **Community & Family Engagement** – Theresa Woodhull: N/A

XI. **Family & Staff Support** – Sephanie: N/A

XII. **Social media** – Kim Davis: N/A

XIII. **Hospitality** – Marycate Brickey: N/A

XIV. **Load the Lounge** – Moniquea Gomez: We serve 87 staff members monthly
- First Monday of each month
- Opportunity to “reward” teachers with food
- Sign-up link available in the Flash and on Facebook

XV. **Movie Night** – Samantha Walker: This went well
- We partnered with Play Free Signs.com
  - They have $25.00 signs and $5.00 goes to PV
- **Movie:** *Bad Guys 2*

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- The kids ate So much popcorn ☺

XVI. **Landscape** – Christina Heard et al: We are beginning clean up efforts.
- PSA: Please do not feed garden club plants/veggies to the local goats

XVII. **Move to School** – Emily Daniels & Jessi Streelman: The date is **10/9**
- The morning includes music, games, and breakfast treats
  - Chicken minis and bagels

XVIII. **Yearbook** – N/A

XIX. **Advocacy** – Ashley Palubinski: **Ballot Measures LL & MM:** Supported by Colorado PTA.
- ***LL**:* Allows the state to retain $11.4 million for meal programs
- ***MM:*** Increases funding for school meals, supports local food sourcing, and raises wages for food workers
  - Impacts only taxpayers earning over $300K/year
  - Additional resources: CO.PTA.org and PV website

XX. **Volunteer** – Teresa Woodhull: N/A

XXI. **Science Fair** – N/A

XXII. **Dance** – Samantha Walker: N/A

XXIII. **Nominating** – N/A

XXIV. **Corporate Sponsorship** – Hillary Joseph: N/A

XXV. **Skate City** – Shannon Thomas: N/A

XXVI. **PV Showcase** – Alicia Marsicovetere: N/A

XXVII. **After School Enrichment** – N/A

XXVIII. **Battle of the Books** – Amy O'Neill: N/A

XXIX. **Continuation** – Samantha Walker: N/A

XXX. **Teacher Appreciation Week** – Moniqua Reef Gomez & Samantha Walker: N/A

XXXI. **Door Décor** – Moniqua Reef Gomez: N/A

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Dates to remember in October:

- ✪ 10/8 – Fun Run
- ✪ 10/9 – Walk/Bike to School Day
- ✪ 10/10 – 10/13: NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)
- ✪ 10/31: Halloween parade and parties (7:50 – 9:00 AM)

Dates to remember in November:

- ✪ 11/4 – Middle School Conversation Night
- ✪ 11/6 – PTA Meeting offsite 5:30 PM
- ✪ 11/6: PICTURE RETAKES
- ✪ 11/11: Veteran's Day Flagpole Ceramony
- ✪ 11/20 – Accountability Meeting @5:30PM
- ✪ 11/20: Special Person's Day @8:30 AM
- ✪ 11/24-11/28: Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

Next meeting

November 6th. 2:50-4:00 PM

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