**Prospect Valley PTA**

**February 9, 2012**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: **3:05**
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Reading and Approval of the January 2012 Minutes: **motion made and passed**
4. Special Guest: Everitt Middle School Principal Jeff Gomez –
   * Collecting data to see what this community is looking for in a middle school.
     + Safety
     + A place our kids can grow academically
     + Parent involvement
     + Less tolerance – consequences
   * 6th grade teachers spent half a day at Everitt shadowing teachers – very positive experience.
   * Happy to meet with parents. You can contact Mike to get Jeff’s number/email if you would like to talk with Jeff more.
5. Reports of Officers

* Presidents’ Reports (Guy Nahmiach and Heidi Olivera)
  + CO has been exempted from No Child Left Behind
  + Growth for public schools has been in single digits
  + Needs for funds are increasing. A lot of schools are doing less fundraisers but are making more. We need programs that have higher returns. We need to be more efficient with our efforts.
  + Budget presentation from Cindy Stevenson – no new info. Results of community survey: lowest priority was to increase class sizes. Cindy and the board are working hard to keep our schools excellent with less money. Jeffco has been able to pull reserves to lessen the impact of the budget cuts for the last few years. The reserves are running low, we are going to feel more of the cuts next year and the following year. Jeffco is considering allowing schools decide how to spend money on secretaries, librarians, etc… Will be a long process to grant this permission.
* Treasurer’s Report (Jillian Jacobs and Heather Kennedy)
  + Total income for January: $825.72
  + Total expense for January: $2,351.88
* Vice President/Principal’s Report (Mike Collins)
  + After school writing class – more kids have participated than were originally invited (more than 40). There will be a reception following the last class. Denise and Jennifer bringing cookies and drinks for the kids.
  + TCAP coming up in March. Different parts of the school will be shut down during each testing window.
  + Positive Prospector coupons – kids can turn them into the office and be put in a drawing to win a lunch with Mr. Collins each month.
  + Feb 17th – staff development day – will discuss technology, math
  + New facility manager – Eric Lindeman.
  + CO reading conference last week – great event
  + Thanks PTA for helping with the author guest Mark Ludy.

1. Technology Update (Annie Jennings):
   * symphony math – guided math program
   * Dragon – voice activated program. Types what students say. Great DRA results.

V. Unfinished Business

* Backpack books program – we have the books. They are being stamped and sorted next week. Will need volunteers to help distribute to the kids. Not sure if we need to purchase more books at this point.

VI. New Business

* Committee chairs for next school year – passed around
* Funding request: Mrs. Vickery; $108 subs for ALP planning support – **motion made and passed**
* Funding request: Mr. Tharp; $195 one-year subscription for BrainPop – **motion made and passed**
* Funding request: Ms. Hutton; area rugs for primary grades (approx. $2500) – wait until we see what the silent auction brings in. Will take donations for a rug. Rug needs to be commercial grade.
* ABC Fundraising – Johnson’s Corner sweet rolls, “Puffers” (individual sized pastries), Flowers, etc... Large price range. Catalog-based program (online too). Starts on April 5th. Great incentives for the kids. If this sale goes well, we will use it to replace other fundraisers next year.
* Mary needs help with a bulletin board for the Positive Prospector. We are looking for a volunteer.

1. Reports of Committees

* Carnival (Alisha Neal and Donna Solomon) – on track. Bring your cakes in tomorrow. Volunteers are filled. Thanks to all those that are helping.
* Legislative Representative (Susan) – Lobato case is being appealed. Briefings are due in June. Decisions should be made by the end of the calendar year. Senator is suing the governor stating that the TABOR Amendment is unconstitutional.
* Reading Challenge Week (Chelly Vitry) – Mark Ludy came. Great assembly.
* Restaurant Fundraisers (Lisa McMullen) – CPK: made $200. Next one will be on February 29 (early release day). Still haven’t heard from Qdoba.
* Room Parents (Janene Martinsen) - Valentine’s Day Parties will be held on Tuesday, February 14th during the last hour of class, 3rd grade is 12:45pm to 1:45pm. Just a reminder that all party plans must be approved by the classroom teacher by February 7th, please have the party include only healthy drinks and snacks. This party should be the easiest to plan: Passing out cards, Opening and reading cards, There is only time for a game, craft or to make the \*card holder, Eating snacks. \*Check with the classroom teacher to see if a Valentine’s Day card holder needs to be made as the party craft.
* Science Fair (Stacie Mintken and Robin Chalker) – Stacie and Robin have started planning. They will kick off with an assembly. They are adding a Science Fair Workshop for kids to work together with teachers and parents this year. First notice of the Science Fair will go out just before Spring Break. They are working on a lower cost award this year to be able to stay within budget.
* Silent Auction (Erin Perrin) – things going well. Donations are coming in; we have a great variety of stuff. Need 14 volunteers to make 5 calls each to different places asking for donations. Evites go out next week. Teachers will get 2 complimentary tickets. Basket-making party on Sunday, February 12 from 1:00-5:00 at the Madrid Lounge.
* Spelling Bee (Rachelle Trujillo) – Congratulations to Amanda Komoczi and Ellie Martin for their performance at the Wheat Ridge Area Bee. Everitt Middle School hosted a great event.
* Talent Show (Guy Nahmiach) – Auditions next month. Show will be in May.
* Yearbook (Denise Miller) – orders are coming in. Still really need photos from Grandparents day. Will be coming in next week to take pictures of the kids that missed picture day.
* We are in search of a 4th grade and a 5th grade parent coordinator to work with the Outdoor Lab Foundation. Flyer went home in the Monday folders.

VII. Announcements

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| **Feb 10** | **Carnival at PV (5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)** |
| **Feb 14** | **Valentine’s day parties (1:45 p.m. except 3rd grade, which is 12:45 p.m.)** |
| **Feb 15-16** | **Spring conferences (after school)** |
| **Feb 17** | **No school (staff development)** |
| **Feb 20** | **No school (President’s Day)** |
| **Feb 29** | **Early release (12:15 p.m.)** |
| **Feb 29** | **Restaurant day --- California Pizza Kitchen (all day)** |
| **Mar 2-12** | **Online auction at www.biddingforgood.com** |
| **Mar 8** | **PTA Meeting (3:00 p.m.)** |
| **Mar 8** | **PIE Meeting (5:30 p.m.)** |
| **Mar 16** | **Silent Auction at Copper Fields Events Chateau (6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)** |

VIII. Adjournment: 4:35