**Prospect Valley PTA**

**March 8, 2012**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: **3:04**
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Reading and Approval of the February 2012 Minutes: **motions made and passed**
4. Special Guest: Wheat Ridge High School Principal Griff Wirth
   * Great place to go to school
     + The heart of the school is most important – great staff at WRHS
     + www.greatschools.com: Looks at TCAP, SATs, growth. WRHS stacks up really well against other schools in the area.
     + Activities – 22 different sports (699 kids participate); 25 different clubs; getting kids involved in our community (working/mentoring younger kids)
     + GT Center school – kids are integrated with the other kids
     + 1300 kids
   * Bigger kids, bigger problems
     + Driving
     + Parent seminars throughout year
5. Reports of Officers

* Presidents’ Reports (Guy Nahmiach and Heidi Olivera)
  + Online auction – already raised over $3000; Over 50% of the bids are from people outside our school;
  + Live Auction on Mar 16: there will be live music; event is really evolving this year.
  + Budget cuts will affect 2013/2014 year more than next year. We really need to fill up our savings next year to help with the cuts.
    - Outdoor lab: all schools have to raise their own money ($350-$400/student)
    - Need someone to team up with Guy to find sponsorship
    - Staff is taking cuts
    - Kristina Neb and Sharron Jeffery are our 4th grade and 5th grade representatives for Outdoor Lab
* Treasurer’s Report (Jillian Jacobs and Heather Kennedy)
  + Total income for February: $2,100.98
  + Total expense for February: $381.94
* Vice President/Principal’s Report (Mike Collins)
  + TCAPs – every room and every staff member are being used. Kids are doing a great job – taking it seriously and are focused. Everyone is showing cooperation and teamwork. It’s intense and serious but still going very well. Won’t get results back until end of July. Test again all week next week and then will do makeups.
  + We are famous because of our carpet. Antron Carpet featured our school’s carpet on their brochure. The carpet in the school is 45 years old.
  + Writing Class made it into the Jeffco School Messenger (newsletter sent out to all employees).
  + Positive Prospectors is up and running. First drawing for lunch is tomorrow.
  + Visited preschools in the area. Very positive/fun experience promoting PV
  + New wellness banner outside. Coming up with some posters to hang around the school to let kids/parents know what we are doing
  + Make Your Voice Heard:
    - General Relationships
      * School Connection – higher than district average
    - Climate of the schools – all subgroups were higher than district average
    - Rigor and Relevance
      * engagement – higher than district average

1. Technology Update (Katie Sonnkalb)
   * Kindergarten bought 8 iPod Touches.
     + Bingo App – High frequency words
     + Math Bingo App – Math Facts
     + LAZ Reader App – Reading App (level specific)

V. Unfinished Business

* Committee chairs for next school year – will continue to promote and push open positions.
* Barnes and Noble night is TBD for next year. If we don’t have B&N night, should we replace it with a different fundraiser? Discussion. We will see how the ABC FunDraiser catalog sales go in April. We may use this in the fall.
* Read-at-Home book program – we have books and they have been organized. We have volunteers to help distribute the books.

VI. New Business

* Funding request: Outdoor storage option for playground equipment ($500) – tabled until next meeting to see if we can get donated by a construction company. Heidi will look into possible donation.

1. Reports of Committees

* Carnival (Alisha Neal and Donna Solomon) – made $1820 from the event. Great party! The changes for this year were well received. Didn’t seem as crowded as in the past.
* Destination ImagiNation – 4 teams going to the regional tournament this weekend. Expect that at least two teams will move on to the state tournament.
* Hospitality (Sonjia Onorato and Kim Route) – no report
* Restaurant Fundraisers (Lisa McMullen) - next CPK night will be in April
* Room Parents (Janene Martinsen) – thanks to all that helped
* Science Fair (Stacie Mintken and Robin Chalker)—no report
* Silent Auction (Erin Perrin) – Going to be an amazing event. VIPs coming, live music, great items for bid. We have 67 bidders right now on the online auction. Encourage people to buy tickets for the live auction. Volunteer list passed around.
* Talent Show (Guy Nahmiach)—no report
* Yearbook (Denise Miller) – last call for pictures went out to parents and teachers yesterday. Hope to have book done by Spring Break.
* Teachers need to spend their money and turn in receipts by May 1st.

VII. Announcements

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| **Mar 2-12** | **Online auction at www.biddingforgood.com** |
| **Mar 16** | **Silent Auction at Copper Fields Events Chateau (6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)** |
| **Mar 26-Apr 1** | **No School -- Spring Break** |
| **Apr 2** | **No School – Teacher Comp Day** |
| **Apr 5-19** | **ABC FunDraising catalog sales** |
| **Apr 11** | **No School – Furlough Day** |
| **Apr 12** | **PTA Meeting (3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m., LMC)** |
| **Apr 12** | **PIE Meeting (5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., LMC)** |
| **Apr 18-22** | **Spring Book Fair** |
| **Apr 19** | **Kindergarten Literacy Night** |
| **Apr 22** | **Spring Fling (Science Fair, Book Fair, Great Cake Auction)** |

VIII. Adjournment **4:15**