

Prospect Valley PTA Meeting Agenda



November 4, 2021

6:30 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order- 6:34pm; Board and Attendee Introductions
2. Review and Approval of October Meeting Minutes (Rachelle Dodge)- motion to pass October minutes by Kari Fragnoli and approved by Ryan Dougovito
3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)- Fun Run net income was \$58,900.85; prizes were projected to be 10% of gross revenue and it was actually 8%; bigger discussion about unexpected unallocated funds to take place later in the meeting
4. Teacher Spotlight - Alyson Harrell; 4th grade teacher- Denver native and went to Our Lady of Fatima, later at CU Boulder. Worked in advertising/marketing, and decided it wasn't for her so she went back to school to get her Masters in Education. She has been at PV for 7 years, and she has a 3 year old named Bobby. Loves PV and all the support she gets from the school and community. She is part of an incredibly strong, close team.
5. President's Report (Katie Critchfield and Laura Clase)- Thank you to all the room parents and volunteers for the Halloween parties. Cara Jakab sends her gratitude for approving her additional funds request for snacks for the school liaison budget. Art club is starting up again and more clubs will be coming soon. If you want to start any other clubs that aren't already planned, contact Andy Schrant. Side discussion about Spanish club- we need to find a different vendor as there were issues with quality of service and behavior management. Leslie knows someone and Andy will also look into a different provider- to be revisited at a future meeting.
6. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant)-
 - Parfet Street Closure- starting the weekend of November 13/14 the street will be closed just north of the Hug and Go zone on Parfet. No traffic will be able to get to the school from the north, you will still be able to approach from the south (32nd Ave) even though there will be a "local traffic only" sign. During construction, you will temporarily be able to turn left into Hug and Go while approaching from the south.
 - Logo Update- Staff, student council and students 3-5 grades have been surveyed about how they feel about our current logo and mascot. Based on an overwhelming response, we will remain the Prospectors! That said, do we want to keep the old mascot, the human Prospector? Or do we want it to be a logo without a human mascot (mountains, mining tools, etc.)? A survey will be going out to PV families so parents, as well as younger kids, also get a voice in this decision. Andy spoke to a Jeffco approved graphic designer who would charge \$2800-3000 to redesign the logo. He is also considering the services of a PV mom

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who has volunteered to help with the logo redesign. We need to get our new logo to the construction company by about Valentine's Day for usage in the new building.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Safety Committee (Kari Fragnoli)- 4th annual safety meeting is Monday evening at 5pm; will still discuss building updates and safety, but positive school culture will be the big discussion. We will have several experts from Jeffco and our community to speak to this. Our SEL specialist, Kristin Pullen, will be there presenting about the Second Step process and mindset. We also have a PV parent who will be talking about the power of positivity and how to rephrase things to bring positivity to parenting.
- b. Wish List (Jennifer Huggard)- She is the Chair of the teacher wish list that is on the tree in the front hallway- it is also online on the PTA website and will be updated this weekend in time for holiday giving. Parents here in person at the meeting said they like the tree at school, but not all come into the school. There is also confusion about whether people are allowed to take the sticky notes off of the tree when they decide to buy something. The idea was brought up to add instructions to the tree (please take a sticky note off the tree when an item is purchased so no one will double up on the donation). Creating an Amazon wish list for each teacher was also brought up because items are removed when they are purchased- and then we could just use the tree for wish list items that are not available via Amazon. Jen said we will continue with the way it is for now (for the holiday gifting season) and then look at moving over to Amazon in the new year.
- c. Battle of the Books Reminder- Deadline to register teams is 11/12; 2nd graders can now participate and we can combine grades on teams for 2nd and 3rd because it is the same reading list.
- d. Original Works- Get your Original Works orders in ASAP- deadline is approaching soon and all the info is in the Flash.

8. New Business

- a. Budget Discussion- With the overwhelming success of the Fun Run, we have over \$32k in unallocated funds after meeting this year's budget needs.
- b. Andy's Fund Request- Would like \$20k from this year's unallocated funds for tech updates in the new building for interactive projection technology. We need \$32-35k total to outfit the new school with the latest technologically advanced tools for all classrooms (Mimio Teach boards). The bond that was passed for the building did not pay for the tech tools that we need to remain current in teaching methods using technology. We cannot just transfer our existing smart boards because they are outdated and are no longer receiving updates or bug fixes, and not all programs will continue to be supported and/or used going forward. **Motion to vote on funds request by Sara True and seconded by Kristen Bellini.**

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- c. Mrs. Becker has sent us an email about the new mural that is being painted on the construction wall. A few PV parents (Sara Schalliol-Hodge, Jenny Henderson and Kim Davis) have purchased the supplies and are designing and painting the mural. The kindergarteners love it and so do the staff (who are staring at a plywood construction wall all day instead of the mountains). Mrs. Becker has emailed PTA to request \$300 to reimburse the parents for paint and supplies. **Rachelle Dodge motions to vote to approve reimbursement, Ryan Dougavito seconded motion to vote.**
- d. Dan Weinstein mentioned that with our abundance this year, that perhaps PV could help out another local school that needs some support and make things more equitable for others in our community. We could do some research into Title One schools in Wheat Ridge and perhaps this actually needs its own sub-committee. We'll send out an email to form a new committee to research this further. Sara True, Kristen Olson, Andrea Thompson, Dan Weinstein have all expressed interest in being a part of the discussion. Also, after the meeting, Rachelle Dodge received a message from Robyn Odendahl suggesting we check with the Jeffco Schools Foundation as they may understand what schools have needs and what those needs might be.

9. Adjourn Meeting- 7:49pm

- a. Remember there is no meeting next month (see you January 2022!)

Attendance:

Rachelle Dodge

Katie Critchfield

Laura Clase

Andy Schrant

Leslie Weinstein

Kari Fragnoli

Kristen Hume

Shannon Thomas

Ryan Dougovito

Hillary Joseph

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Kristin Michie

Allison Grigel

Kristin Bellini

Robyn Odendahl

Jill Ketchum

Tawnya Reitz

Sara True

Amy O'Neill

Andrea Thompson

Alia Nicholson

Doreen Gloessner

Krsiten Olson

Christine Simpson

Dan Weinstein

Jenny Henderson

Kim Davis

John Shramek

Marycate Brinkley

Sara Schalliol-Hodge

Jen Huggard

Christina Heard