

November 5, 2020

7 pm - 8 pm

Via Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order (Leslie Weinstein); 7:03pm
  - ice breaker- guess the staff member's childhood picture
2. Review and Approval of October Meeting Minutes (Rachelle Dodge)
  - motion to vote by Laura Clase, seconded by Kari Fragnoli
3. Treasurer's Report (Jenny Miller)
  - discussed the Profit & Loss
  - lots of profit from Fun Jump
  - various reimbursements expenses for staff support, directories, etc.
4. President's Report (Leslie Weinstein)
  - big thanks for PTA members for chipping in and helping events this year
  - message from Cara Jakab- thanking community for the fundraiser; also announcing classroom connection event in December since we can't have the school dance
5. Principal's Report (Principal Haynie)
  - Halloween parties, Fun Jump, snack cart, playground equipment drive, lunch during conferences...everything was amazing!
  - 22 moving to in-person, 1 moving to remote starting 11/16; one COVID case in 4th grade with quarantine...no other cases
  - Mrs. LeBeof is moving to remote teaching and moving to another school; her student teacher is filling in as a long term sub until a new permanent teacher can be hired
  - Bev's third grandchild this year was just born
6. Committee Updates
  - a. PV Fun Jump (Alia Nicholson)
    - Huge thanks to staff and committee; and to the community for their generosity
    - Great day for connection and fun for all the students
  - b. Battle of the Books and Budget Change Request (Andrea McCollough)
    - Requesting an increase in budget since her budget was cut earlier in the year when we didn't know if we could fundraise. Budget is needed to purchase copies of the books for the library, as well as prizes/medals for the participants. Asking \$80 for books, \$90 for winner prizes, and medals for the participants. \$370 total; motion to vote by Sara True, seconded by Alia Nicholson and then amended the motion to increase budget back to \$500 and seconded by Sydney Hamilton; and will be voted on via email during the week following the meeting.
    - Gave brief history of the event; last year we had 61 participants! As in past years, there will be a 3rd grade competition and a 4/5th grade competition
    - Kids can check out books at the library or e-books

- Deadline to apply is Nov 13
- c. Family and Staff Support (Christine Simpson)
  - Halloween goodie bag was given out last week, Mrs. Roberts has a new baby so she is being “showered” by the PTA and school
- d. Yearbook (Serene Wardinsky)
  - Celeste Cardoso is co-chair and gave update
  - Continue uploading photos, info will be coming next week re: ordering yearbooks

## 7. New Business

- a. Indoor Recess Kits - Request for Funds for classrooms (Jenny Miller)
  - 5th grade team asked for \$100/class to fund games/activities for indoor recess
  - Debate pro/cons for whether this request is a good idea
  - Should items be put on wishlist instead of a special funds request?
  - Perhaps an inventory of what is already there, and then a community donation drive to get items donated?
  - Motion to vote on 5th grade request by Rachele Dodge, seconded by Sydney Hamilton
  - Will do indoor recess drive in a few weeks/Katie and Andrea will coordinate
- b. Gratitude Week Initiative (Rachele Dodge)
  - the week before Thanksgiving- hit teachers and staff with emails, random compliments, Starbucks cards, etc. Handprint turkeys
- c. PV PTA Facebook Page Discussion (Leslie Weinstein)
  - Community FB page was renamed to Prospect Valley PTA, and now has different rules and guidelines because it is now under the PTA umbrella. The rule is now that there are no personal fundraising requests on the page.

- 8. Amy O’Neill - Technology Needs at Prospect Valley - a Forecast for the Near Future.
  - PV never sought to be a 1-to-1 school and the school still does not want this, in theory, for our students. We were able to make it work this year through support from the district; however, at the end of this year we will lose 200 devices.

Some possible solutions:

- Support through sponsors for technology funds
- Families using personal devices and bringing them to school
- Create our own 1-to-1 device program starting with first graders who PAY to use the device until 4th grade, and then they OWN that device. They will then receive a device from the district in 5th grade.

Our community needs to speak up and tell the district that we cannot afford to pay a monthly fee for these devices. Mrs. O’Neill mentioned that devices expire because security certificates and software/firewalls are not up to safety needs. She will create a template for us to email Bev who can then forward messages to higher ups within the district. Sara True motioned to increase Technology budget to \$10,000 from \$5,000, Rachele Dodge and Christine Simpson both seconded the motion to vote, and we will vote via email. Each Chromebook is \$208 currently

- 9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:53pm

10. Social Gathering will follow the meeting for anyone who is able to stay.

Attendance:

Leslie Weinstein

Allison Windes

Rachelle Dodge

Kari Fragnoli

Jenny Miller

Laura Clase

Christine Simpson

Bev Haynie

Ryann Hardman

Sydney Hamilton

Alia Nicholson

Allison Grigel

Mike Salisbury

Andrea McCullough

Moniquea Reef

Kelly Miller

Nissa Baker

Katie Critchfield

Celeste Cardoso

Tawnya Reitz

Alicia Marsi

Sara True

Andrea Thompson

Caitlin Gindi

Jessica DiCroce

Kristen Olson

Becca Higgins

Esmeralda Orrin

Amy O'Neill