

**PTA Minutes**  
**January 6, 2022**  
**3:00pm-4:00pm**

1. Call Meeting to Order- 3:08pm
2. Review and Approval of November Meeting Minutes (Rachelle Dodge)- Motion to approve by Andy Schrant; Seconded by Kari Fragnoli
3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)- Thank you to Hilary for her family's foundation giving \$2000 to PV PTA, there has not been a lot of activity in the bank account since the last meeting.
4. Teacher Spotlight - Melissa Squiers- PE Teacher at PV. From Michigan originally, moved here and met her husband, has a 4 and 6 year old (kinder at PV). Started teaching here in Colorado at Carmody Middle, then moved to elementary schools, moved to PV eight years ago and is in her 16th year of teaching. How was teaching PE remotely? A fun challenge-great to see everyone's houses! Glad to be in person again. Field day will be interesting to plan this year with the construction zone! Cup stacking is coming back. Her favorite PT unit to teach is the jump rope unit. As a family they do a lot of hiking, and she is a big runner and is getting into gardening and paddleboarding. She ran 10 miles at the 2019 Fun Run!!
5. President's Report (Katie Critchfield)
  - a. Skate City-March 16th, 5-7pm- Save the date! Parents need to stay and chaperone their kids.
  - b. Leadership for Next Year- Please reach out to [prospectvalleypta@gmail.com](mailto:prospectvalleypta@gmail.com) if interested.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. PV Shares (Kristen Olson, Andrea Thompson, Sara True, Dan Weinstein)- Andrea and Dan are here to discuss if we can help other elementary schools in the area. We reached out to Kullerstrand and since they have a much stronger PTA than they used to have, they don't currently need the assistance. They then reached out to Stevens Elementary who is still in the process of building their PTO. They need help mentoring them as they build their PTO with advice on committee building (specifically corporate sponsorship) and may benefit more from our help this way than the financial support. Their next open PTO meeting is next Thursday and we'd like some PV PTA members to attend if possible. Also, Stevens has a lot of non-verbal students and need assistance with creating signage for displaying around the school and playground. We may be able to help them with the design process for the signs, but as they are 68% free/reduced lunch and the PTO budget is only \$7-8k per year, they could use a little monetary support for this project and also classroom supports. After all of our budgeted items are paid for, we should still have about \$20k in unallocated funds. **Would like to send a vote out to ask if a)PTA would like to help support the Stevens PTO financially and b) give several options to see what dollar amount we would like to approve. \$2200, \$3300, \$4400 total. Motion to vote by Cara Jakab; seconded by Amy O'Neill**

- b. Committee Chairs for Next Year (Leslie Weinstein)- Leslie is our volunteer coordinator and would like to see if current chairs will be returning for next year. Also looking to see if anyone is interested in chairing a committee next year (and beyond). We will support you and train you on how to figure out how to run an event or program through either shadowing current chairs or with some detailed “how to” directions for each event/program. Reach out to Leslie or the PTA email if you are interested. **There will also be a survey sent out to current chairs to see if they are planning to chair again.**
- c. School Dance (Christina Rea)- Looking at the first week of May for an outdoor dance event. **A funds request may be coming soon to pay for the DJ.**
- d. Prospector Post/WeeDeliver (Hillary Joseph)- Changing name of the WeeDeliver program due to the cannabis industry (hah!) so it is being rebranded as the Prospector Post. 4th/5th graders will apply for positions and help run the program. **Looking for sticky labels to be donated and will put something in the Flash.** The program will encourage students and families to send letters to each other, staff and their students.
- e. Carnival (Becca Higgins)- Half of the carnival fun is the snacks and food...having this indoors during COVID is nearly impossible so it will be postponed this year until September 30th. We will be moving the event mainly outdoors and it will be safer for all kids, adults, volunteers, etc. Side note- **there is no carnival budget currently, but because of the way the carnival games are now being run by wristbands instead of tickets, that may need to change for next year.** We will know more soon.
- f. Afterschool Activities (Cara Jakab)- Art classes were held in December, currently doing Mad Science, Student Council, Junior Optimist Club (4th/5th), Play On (theater club), Lego club, Open to other ideas! If you have any ideas, reach out to Cara.
- g. Holiday Outreach- 85 toys donated! 30 PV students were able to benefit. Applewood Baptist church did gift baskets and helped out more PV families. WR Optimistics club adopted 7 families too! Also, there is a new charter school opening in Arvada this fall to support students with learning disabilities and autism- spread the word!
- h. Prospector Logo (Amy O’Neill)- no new info today!

## 7. New Business

- a. 1st & 2nd Grade Devices (Amy O’Neill)- We received a grant for new devices (all Jeffco elementary received it) for 1st/2nd graders. This is a huge help to fund these tech needs. These students will have these devices until they get ready for middle school.
- b. Mural for New Building (Aimee Hammer)- She has been talking to Pat Milbery about doing a mural for the new building. We may be able to get one or even 2 murals at the

new school. He charged \$20-30 per square foot. Check out his work at Patmilbery.com He has done murals all over Denver at schools, public spaces and wants to work with us! 8' x 15' mural would be about \$3600 and we may be able to have them on movable walls. She estimates it would be \$8-10k for 2 murals. Could we work with him on committing to a certain number of murals over the course of several years and get a discount on the work upfront? *Maybe- but we can't guarantee funding for future years.* **Mr. Schrant suggested we table this discussion for next month so we can find out some more information.** Cara Jakab mentioned that we may want to spend money raised this school year *this year* and not have too much carryover to the next school year, so we should make a decision on this expense this school year.

- c. Community Garden (Andy Schrant)- Will we have one at the new school? No, not in the plans right now. However, he does support the idea and the district supports it as well. He has found that there is space for a garden in the new school, but the construction company has concerns about there being a passion for bringing back the garden. Apparently Bev Haney had told them that there was not enough support. Andy is going to continue discussing this at the next construction meeting. **If anyone is really interested in getting involved or spearheading this project, let Katie know.**
- d. Continuation- The discussion will begin soon! The 5th grade team is meeting soon to discuss plans and ask for volunteers to chair Continuation. Hopefully the 5th grade pool party and Rockies game will be making a comeback. Either way the 5th graders will be recognized.
- e. Support for Fire Victims (Rachelle Dodge)- Monarch K-8 is looking for assistance and there is a drive tomorrow from 2-4pm that Katie will send an email out with more info about this drive and how to donate. Because many of the victims are in temporary housing and storage is not available, we will revisit this topic next month to see what we can do to help the Boulder county fire victims.

8. Adjourn Meeting- 4:13pm

**Attendance:**

Rachelle Dodge  
Katie Critchfield  
Angie Gibson  
Andy Schrant  
Kari Fragnoli  
Leslie Weinstein  
Andrea Thompson  
Aimee Hammer  
Hillary Joseph  
Ryan Dougavito

Becca Higgins  
Erin Marvel  
Amy O'Neill  
Dan Weinstein  
Clare Eisinger  
Melissa Squiers  
Sara Schalliol-Hodge  
Jenny Henderson  
Sherry Becker  
Cara Jakab  
Samantha Walker  
Allison  
Dawn Ramirez