

January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

7 pm - 8 pm

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order (Leslie Weinstein)
 - a. guest: Christian Ramaker, Principal of Manning
 - welcoming parents to email him or reach out with any questions re: middle school
 - Mr. Ramaker's email address is Christian.Ramaker@jeffco.k12.co.us
2. Arms length Scavenger Hunt (Dan Weinstein)
3. Review and Approval of November Meeting Minutes (Rachelle Dodge) - approved by Kari Fragnoli and seconded by Moniqua Reef
4. Treasurer's Report (Jenny Miller) - Our balance was \$44K at beginning of Dec, \$2k in new donations, \$10k in expenses, \$36k at end of year, we have about \$23k that is unallocated and able to spend on school/PTA needs this school year. (all numbers are rounded to nearest thousand)
5. Teacher Spotlight (Jessica DiCroce, Kindergarten Teacher) Mrs. DiCroce grew up in Wheat Ridge (WR), 3 kids, 2 cats and a puppy, loves baseball and baking, she is a 4th generation WR Farmer, used to teach in Brighton and then moved to PV 6 years ago. Loves hands-on teaching so remote learning has been a big challenge. She's passionate about advocating for kids. Is enjoying her continuing ed. classes this year and rediscovering tools and ideas for bringing kids back to where they should be. Loves being a part of PV!
6. President's Report (Leslie Weinstein)
 - a. PTA New Mission Statement - "The mission of the Prospect Valley PTA is to support our PV families, teachers, and staff and to help nurture a strong community that promotes connection, inclusion and fun."
 - b. Spelling Bee update - There will NOT be a Wheat Ridge area bee this year; Jeff Kent will be the Chair and we'll just be having a schoolwide bee
 - c. Volunteer Award timeline (March nominate; April vote). This award goes to an outgoing 5th grade parent who has gotten involved and stayed involved at PV during his/her time at our school.
7. Principal's Report (Principal Haynie)

New building update: new building plans are coming along, new building will have larger capacity because we will have 2 pre-k classes, construction will begin in October of 2021 and will take about a year, shared her screen to show rendering of new building and grounds
8. New Business

- a. Classroom Enrichment Needs - We gathered requests from each grade's teachers for hands-on, screen-free items they can use for both in-door recess and other times. Requesting \$2,500 for k-4 grades to purchase supplies, games, toys, etc. Motion to vote by Rachelle Dodge, and seconded by Christine Simpson, Kristin Bellini raised concern that if we purchase items now and the school does not open, that things will just be sitting there as wasted funds spent. Initiative will be voted on electronically by PTA in the days following this meeting.
9. Cara thanked community for toy drive - 42 PV families were able to shop from all of the generous donations
10. Meeting Adjourned 8:07pm

Attendance:

Rachelle Dodge, Leslie Weinstein, Allison Windes, Hillary Joseph, Bev Haynie, Cara Jakab, Serene Wardinsky, Dan Weinstein, Matt Ortiz, Becca Higgins, Laura Clase, Christian Ramaker, Molly Duplechian, Kristen Olson, Jenny Miller, Ryann Hartmann, Robyn Odendahl, Kari Fragnoli, Valery Rosenow, Kim Price, Allison Grigel, Tawnya Reitz, Katie Critchfield, Andrea Thompson, Marycate Brickey, Emily Harris, David Harris, Moniqua Reef, Kristin Bellini, Sara True, Amy O'Neil, Emily Ceccanti, Jessica DiCroce.