

PTA Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2022
3-4pm

1. Call Meeting to Order- 3:01pm
2. Review and Approval of January Meeting Minutes (Rachelle Dodge)- Motion to pass January minutes by: Andy Schrant, Seconded by: Kari Fragnoli
3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)- Not a lot of activity- PTA memberships were \$70, We still have about \$20,000 in unallocated funds after all budgeted expenses. Per Cara, we should try to have about \$3000 to rollover for next year (or 10% of our budgeted expenses)
4. Teacher Spotlight - Jacqueline Roberts- 5th grade teacher at PV (started as a 6th grade teacher and moved to 5th after Jeffco moved the 6th graders to the middle school). She has been teaching for 12 years- all 12 years in Jeffco and this is her 5th year at PV. She feels like PV is home, the staff, community and kids are all amazing. She grew up in Jeffco, went to UNC and has stayed close to home this whole time. She got married 6 ½ years ago and she has a one year old daughter, and unfortunately she lost her first child in 2019. She loves to snowboard and be outside, spend time with family and read.
5. President's Report (Laura Clase & Katie Critchfield)- Thank you to Jeff Kent and Leslie Weinstein for all the Spelling Bee help; Thank you to Hilary Joseph and Mrs. Harrell for all their hard work on the Prospector Post. Don't forget about Skate City on 3/16. Discussion about event optics: Is this a fundraiser? Or just a community event? Katie will contact Skate City to see what the cost of the event is and see if we can maybe cover admission for PV students so cost is not a barrier for attending. Also, looking to put limitations on who can come (only younger siblings instead of older siblings). Katie will research and send an email out to the PTA to vote on reallocating funds from the Spring Fling to this event if it is within that event's current budget. PTA Board announced for next year- Angie, Rachelle are staying onboard, Kari Fragnoli will be moving into the President role, Hilary Joseph has agreed to be President Elect; Kari Fragnoli motioned to vote on Hilary's new role, Andy Schrant seconded.
6. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant)
 - a. Spring Fling- This is not happening this year. Primary grades are going to be having a virtual music performance this year. The art show will be done virtually as well.
 - b. Mask Update- Countywide mandate may be ending soon in Jeffco. If this changes, we may allow parents to visit for class parties, however Andy will still require visitors to wear masks but students may not have to wear them.

- c. Accountability- 2 weeks from today is the next meeting. They will be discussing calendar dates for conferences and testing next fall. The 4/21 meeting will review survey data from the PV family surveys already completed.
- d. Choice Enrollment- Presuming to have 24 max kids per class for next year. Looks like our staffing will be consistent with this year's budget. 432 students is his projection for next year's enrollment.
- e. Recess- Andy covered recess for third grade today and this week. Inside recess- $\frac{1}{3}$ kids did board games and the enrichment activities the PTA funded last year are a big hit. The other $\frac{2}{3}$ of the kids were in the library either reading or watching a movie. 5th graders are given the option to rotate to different classes to play with the enrichment activities, although many of them chose to play games on their Chromebooks. Still looking at refining this process with the para group. The gaga-pit will finally be here in about 2 weeks! There have been many delays in shipping/supply chain. Andy is also looking at installing 2 more basketball hoops, and thinks he can find the funds to purchase these. Jenn Meurer on Zoom stated her company has given her \$500 that could be allocated to the basketball hoops. After the blacktop dries from all the snow, the district is going to come out and paint 4 square game courts. Sledding or saucering has come up as an idea, and the Jeffco Risk Department has been consulted to see if this is possible. The PTA group discussed pros/cons and most people seemed pro-sledding although concerns were raised about safety, supervision and liability. This will be decided later.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Spelling Bee (Leslie Weinstein)- Jeff Kent is our chair for this event. After the initial spelling test, the 4th/5th grade oral spelling bee participants were announced today. The words were really difficult this year- all students were tested on 5th grade words. 35 kids qualified for the oral spelling bee and it will be on 2/10 at 3pm in the cafeteria. Only spectators who have a child in the event will be able to attend. There is a WR area spelling bee as well, we can take 7 kids from the 35 participants. 2/16 at 1pm. Parents will provide transportation.
- b. Committee Chair Openings for Next Year (Leslie Weinstein)- We need committee chairs for next year for: Communications (manage PTA FB page, Flash submissions, etc.), Dance, Garden/Landscape, Staff Appreciation (May week of appreciation), WatchDOGS. Moniquea said she'll do Landscape and Staff Appreciation.
- c. School Dance (Christina Rea)- The DJ is available May 13th...but there is no make up date if we have crazy weather. More on this event next month.
- d. Prospector Post (Hillary Joseph)- Thank you to Mrs. Harrell for all of her help and organizing the slide show, writing prompts, mailboxes, etc. The kids super excited and all of them want to deliver the mail! They'll each get 2 turns to deliver. We did get some donations of envelopes, note cards, labels, etc. Thank you! Parents can drop off letters for students at the mailbox by the front door. Valentine's Day cards and letters are great ideas. Addresses for classrooms are in the Flash next week.

- e. After School Activities, Spirit Wear Store, Parent Education Night (Cara Jakab)- Spanish is starting for K-2 grades soon, Art Classes start in March, also coming soon are: Mad Science, Play On (theater classes), karate, Student Council, Spanish 3-5 on Fridays, Lego Club on Thursdays. More info on 2/14 in Monday folders. Spirit Wear with the old Prospector logo is available to order now through 2/22. New logo on spirit wear will be announced at a later date. Family Education Night will be 2/24 and we are partnering with Vivian Elementary. There will be guest speakers and other family resources (5-6:30pm)
 - f. Amy O'Neill- A graphic novel author visit will be on 2/9 at 1pm and it will be virtual so teachers can present this to upper grade levels. Another author will be coming on 2/16 for the primary grades. We will be sending out a link for parents to purchase the books.
8. New Business
- a. Mural for New Building (Aimee Hammer)- Pat Milbery, average school projects are \$8,500-10,000; She can email the info to anyone who wants more info. We've identified 2 spaces in the new school for the murals: one of two recessed alcoves in the library (either 8' x 9' or 8' x 1)- and those would be on a movable canvas that we can move somewhere else if we decide to at a later date, and there is also a large space on the wall by the gym hallway/stairwell. They wanted to find common spaces where the most students would be able to appreciate the artwork. The project estimate is \$9,222 and would cover the cost of both murals. Motion to vote on proposal by Rachelle Dodge and Seconded by Andy Scrant.
 - b. Music Request (Janelle Jerman)- Asking for about \$2,300 from PTA to purchase 30 midi controllers to use with Chromebooks to use with several piano and other musical apps. Initially these will be used by upper level classes and then lower level grades later. Also headphones, headphone splitters and power cords are included in the proposal. These can be used throughout the year for different units. Motion to vote on proposal by Andrea Thompson and Seconded by Jenn Meurer.
9. Adjourn Meeting- 4:33pm

Attendance:

Rachelle Dodge
Katie Critchfield
Angie Gibson
Kari Fragnoli
Andy Schrant
Leslie Weinstein

Andrea Thompson
Kristin Bellini
Samantha Walker
Sara True
Amy O'Neill
Cara Jakab
Jacqueline Roberts
Elena Stieve
Alicia Marsicovetere
Hillary Joseph
Janelle Jerman
Aimee Hammer
Shannon Thomas

On Zoom:
Laura Clase
Ryan Dougavito
Christine Simpson
Jenn Meurer
Moniquea Reef
Marycate Brinkley