

PTA Meeting
March 3, 2022
6:30-7:30pm

1. Call Meeting to Order: 6:31PM
2. Review and Approval of February Meeting Minutes (Kari Fragnoli) - Motion to approve Feb Minutes by Dawn Ramirez; Seconded by Katie Critchfield
3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson): We brought in \$125 in revenue and spent \$26 (most of this was for technology for the new school). Angie also stated: We have successfully fulfilled all requests this year so for any future requests we can look at next year's budget.
4. Teacher Spotlight: Dawn Ramirez. This is actually her second career. She returned to school for her teaching certificate upon her nephew's recommendation. Dawn is a current second grade teacher though she has taught many grades over the years. She says she will die or retire in grade two! She has been married for 39 years. She is one of PV's most supportive and active for our veterans. This was a passion she developed after becoming a teacher and enjoys sharing that with the school. Mrs. Ramirez utilizes a method where she numbers her students and remembers their number years later!
5. New Business
 - a. Read at Home (Emily Harris/Laurey Mattox)
 - i. Mrs. Mattox came to talk about current challenges with the RAH for young readers. With 7 syllable types the RAH books say they are at our children's level, but they are not; they are actually higher. Some kids can't read a lot of the books because they are not really at their level which causes frustration.
 - ii. The current RAH books are not ideal because if the book is above their level, it becomes a guessing game to the reader. The kids start relying on pictures too much and not picking up on the context of the book.
 - iii. Decodable text is the current trend, instead of patterned text. Suggests that PV should be starting with decodable text, not patterned for these younger readers. They are now matching phonics with what they learn in school which helps build independence and confidence.
 - iv. Solution 1: Change wording of RAH flier so it does not say the book is their reading level. Redefine the purpose to support learning and reinforce what they are learning in school. Recommend putting a post-it on the book so parents can make notes (too easy/hard/just right).
 - v. Solution 2: Purchase new decodable books for kinder to use for RAH. Angie states we have \$100 in the budget for the Read at Home program. We have an additional \$50 from Prospector Post and we can find an additional \$50 if we decide to approve this request. Andy says thinks the school has a responsibility to fund it.

- vi. On an average year the school loses around 20 books that are not returned. During Covid, RAH program sent 5+ books home to each young reader and more than half did not come back.
- vii. Ms Olsen said she would help pull together a comprehensive phonics list.

6. President's Report (Katie Critchfield)

- a. Volunteer Award - for outgoing 5th grade parents. Carly Gernat, Christina Rhea, Serene Wardinsky. **Will include a form with voting for nominations.**
- b. Skate City - free to all PV students. Charge parents and younger kids. Not open to older kids. Suggestion for colored t-shirts by grade. **Katie to find out about the waiver.**
- c. Fill the Fridge - asking parents to help bring items to help load the teachers lounge. Asked for fruit, sparkling water, soda - anything healthy they can grab quickly. Katie to organize sign-up genius.

7. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant) -

- a. Tomorrow the district will send an update that the mask mandate on school buses has expired. Unified start and end times will go into effect for the 2022/23 school year. Target 7:50-2:40 for elementary. (6 hour, 50 minute student day).
- b. Still on target to move into the new building mid-late 2022. We'll likely need to add 4 non-student days (2 days before winter break and 2 after) for teachers to move and unpack.
- c. Asking about preferences for preschool room structure. Suggested 2 classrooms: one full day and one split am half day and pm half day. Jeffco families get priority over PV sibling priority. Would go through Enroll Jeffco like the other schools. Anticipated \$400 for the half day program.
- d. Andy asked for feedback on allowing adult guests into building (outside of regular volunteers). The consensus was that not advertising is the best route.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Lego Club (Matt Krapfl) - Matt has offered this club in the past with Ms DiCroce and serviced 30-40 kids. Cara convinced him to do the free 4 week club again which resulted in 135 interested kids (flier said 20 kids max). Matt did not feel that capping it would drive the purpose. He would like to go BIG and accept all the kids to be community building, where we have all the supplies to make this happen. IDEA: offer 4 x/year v just one/year in April. Divide kids by grade level to help manage numbers. GOAL: obtain 25 large bins with base plates for each kid. Would like to order items before spring break. Requesting \$2,000 for storage, base plates and fill in the holes with donations. **Suggestion: Cara to reach out to area middle and high schools for donations.** Tap area HS for help with supervision. Ratio 1:25 in the building. Matt and Andy will look at how much of this can be covered with school funds. They will bring request to the PTA if they find they need more.
- b. Teacher Dinner (Hospitality) Mary Cate and Esmerelda have ordered dinner for Weds night during conference week to support teachers.

- c. Dance (Christina Rea) Organizing dance on May 13 in PV gym from 6-8PM. 80's night. Pizza available. Salad, drinks and cupcakes for sale. Will need volunteers to run the event.
- d. Yearbook - Suggest modify messaging to "if you received an e-mail, you have ordered a yearbook. If you have not, then you have not ordered a yearbook". Also suggest sharing a list of who has purchased so far. Suggest offering two windows to order at the beginning of the year and again mid-year. Can send pics that were not taken in building (first day and such).
- e. Continuation (Moniquea Reef) - Committee of fifth grade parents that have come together for planning. On May 24 at 9AM with reception to follow.

10. Adjourn Meeting 7:44PM

Attendance:

Matt Krapfl
Laurey Mattox
Dawn Ramirez
Angie Gibson
Katie Critchfield
Kari Fragnoli
Andy Schrant
Hilary Joseph
Allison Grigel
Emily Harris
Allison Windes
Kristin Michie
Sara True