

Prospect Valley PTA

Feb 6, 2013

General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:30 pm

I. Call Meeting to Order: **3:05**

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Reading and Approval of the January 2013 Minutes – **Motion made and passed**

IV. Reports of Officers

- President's Report (Heidi Olivera)
 - Three events
 - Reading challenge week – fostered additional reading to our students. Author, Jeffrey Bennett, came to visit. Thanks to Shelley!
 - Spelling Bee – successful year. Many kids tried out, approx. 90 took the written test. Thanks to Rachelle!
 - January Social Hour – thanks to Andrea for setting that up
 - Thank you notes passed around: Catholic Charities, Neal/Vickery 2nd grade class
 - We have funds available, if you know of needs let us know.
- President Elect's Report (Cara Jakab)
 - Nominations for volunteer of the year award will be taken next month
- Vice President's Report (Mike Collins)
 - Writing club has started – not meeting next week
 - 4th grade TCAP testing club is meeting with Ms. Ramirez
 - 5th grade Math Club is meeting with Mrs. Newby
 - Parent/Teacher conferences next week
 - No school on Friday/Monday
 - Feb 20th/21st is 3rd grade reading TCAP
 - March 3/4 report cards go home
 - Ms. Hutton being presented with the reading teacher of the year award tomorrow.
- Treasurer's Report (Jillian Jacobs)
 - January Income: \$677.97
 - January Expenses: \$1273.37

V. Technology Update (Heather Rutledge) – emagineif.com

- Has a facebook element
- Parents approve everything
- Kids start by answering a question and choosing an icon that expresses how they feel
- Kids create quizzes and take quizzes - earn points to purchase products
- Parents can assign household chores and pay their kids
- Started with small group of 30 6th graders; plan to expand to all of 6th grade

VI. Old Business

- End-of-year Social – save the date 05/16 (Thursday). Not a fundraiser, tickets will cover

the venue, food, etc.. Looking at Golden Hotel and Cebiche as possible place to hold the event. No baskets. There will be classroom creations to bid on. Kristina Neb is coordinating the classroom creations.

VII. New Business

- Bylaws – Lisa Reyell, Guy Nahmiach and Heidi Olivera have drafted bylaws. We have one month to review and make changes. Do we want to keep the term length at a max of two years for officers? Send any comments or questions to Heidi (heidiolivera@comcast.net)
- Nominating Committee – handed out chairperson list. Cross your name off if you don't want to chair again next year. Cara and Sara are working on nominations for next year's officers
- Volunteer of the Year – see above

VIII. Reports of Committees

- Advocacy Update (Rebekah Brown) –
 - Year of the Student signature delivery went well. Conor and I spoke to Senator Cheri Jahn (who is the state senator for PV) and explained our concerns. She was receptive, though she noted that we shouldn't be trapped by sound bites. It is NOT too late to sign the YOS pledge a 2013forstudents.org
 - Legislature is in session! There are a number of bills that Colorado PTA is following. You can see which bills by checking the COPTA Capitol Watch tracker at <http://www.coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill-tracker-votes/0/743/2013/0/> (link is also on Facebook). Some of the hottest topics:
 - 1) Breakfast After the Bell HB13-1006 Requires every school with 70% F&R to provide late breakfast. Exemptions if small or not on federal lunch program.
 - 2) School Attendance HB13-1021 The bill requires each school district to monitor student attendance and to identify:
 - each student who is chronically absent. A student is chronically absent if he or she is absent, excused or unexcused, for 10 percent or more of the school year;
 - each student who has a significant number of unexcused absences; and
 - each student who is habitually truant. A student is habitually truant if he or she has 4 unexcused absences in one month or 10 unexcused absences in a school year.

If a student is chronically absent, the school district must implement best practices and research-based strategies to improve the student's attendance.

If a student is habitually truant, the school district shall contact the local collaborative management group, juvenile support services group, or other local community services group to coordinate the creation of a multidisciplinary plan to improve the student's school attendance.

A school district shall initiate court proceedings to enforce school attendance requirements but only if implementation of the student's multidisciplinary plan is unsuccessful. If a school district initiates court proceedings, it must submit evidence of the student's attendance record and the efforts made to improve the student's attendance. If the court issues an order to compel attendance, the order must also require the parent and student to cooperate in implementing the multidisciplinary plan. Under current law, the court may sentence the student to detention if the student does not comply with the valid court order. The bill limits the term of detention to no more than 5 days.

Under current law, a person who is 17 years of age or older may take the GED. A student who is 16 years of age may take the GED, but only if the student provides evidence that the GED is necessary for the student to participate in an educational or vocational program. Under the bill, a student who is 16 years of age and who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court may take the

GED if the judicial officer or administrative hearing officer finds it is in the student's best interest to do so.

The bill clarifies that a school district that is required to provide educational services to a juvenile detention facility shall provide the services for a number of hours that is comparable to the compulsory school attendance requirements and shall provide educational services that align with, and are designed to enable the juveniles to meet, the state model content standards.

The bills COPTA monitors are discussed in the Legislative Committee meetings, which I attend. If anyone has thoughts, feedback, feel free to share.

- Butter Braids (Jennifer Hess and Shelley Sherrill) - Butter Braid & Cookie selling start at the end of the month, Feb. 25th. Shelley and I have decided that instead of an individual prizes (like in the past) we were going to do the two top selling class prizes (K-3 and 4-6). I talked to Mr. Collins today and he said it was fine to do the two Top Selling Class Prizes but wanted something healthier than an Ice cream Sundae Bar at the end of the day. He suggested a Yogurt Bar. We get about \$200 for prizes and are looking for suggestions. Cara offered a contact for Jamba Juice. Chipotle would be good by may cost too much.
- Carnival (Donna Solomon and Heather Kennedy) – ticket sales are down. Have 16 teachers volunteering this year! We have watchdog dads working at the doors.
- Destination ImagiNation (Michelle Ryan Sannes) – we have 5 teams. Regional tournament on 03/02.
- Garden (Stacie Mintken and Erin Perrin) – handout. Ground breaking on 04/22. All funds have come from grants. PV Garden Website: www.prospectvalleygarden.com/
- Gold Rush 5k (Brenda Ritz) – need to start working on sponsorships. Letters are ready to go, just need to find businesses. Need to start thinking about doing a business directory – big selling point. Race day will be 10/13/13. Permit has been gotten.
- Hospitality (Jeanne Sanchez and Monica Shanley) – dinner for teachers next Tuesday for parent/teacher conferences. Everything is covered.
- Reading Challenge Week (Shelley Sherrill) - Reading Challenge Week was a success! The speaker was excellent, and everyone enjoyed Cosmo's visit. With PTA's help (by purchasing 6 books for the LMC), we were able to reach the total of 40 books purchased, to get the visit for free.
- Restaurant Days (Shelley Sherrill) - We have a restaurant fundraiser on Monday, February 11th, at Lone Star Steakhouse's 6th Ave & Simms St location. You can visit any time between 11:00 a.m. & 10:00 p.m., and they will donate 15% back to PV. Flyers will go home in the Monday folders on 2/11, and must be presented for us to get credit. They will accept reservations.
- Social Hours (Andrea Haydon) – next one is on 02/28/13 at Yard House
- Spelling Bee (Rachelle Trujillo) – see above
- Spring Fling (Shelley Sherrill, Tracy Langworthy, Jeanne Sanchez) – couldn't find a restaurant to provide a cheap meal. Jeanne offered to make a meal, with help, if PTA will pay for food. Will have to rent out the kitchen, with staff person, for one hour. Estimated \$2.50/person.
- Talent Show (Guy Nahmiach) – on track. 02/08 deadline for applications
- WatchDOGS (Veronica McDonough) – Pizza kickoff night 02/21 at 6:00 in library for kids and Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, etc...

VIII. Adjournment: 4:20