

Prospect Valley PTA

Jan 10, 2013

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

- I. Call Meeting to Order 3:09
- II. Welcome and Introductions: Welcome to Cara Jakab - President elect
- III. Reading and Approval of the December 2012 Minutes. Motion made, seconded, and passed.
- IV. Reports of Officers
 - President's Report (Heidi Olivera): Thanks to Jillian for hosting the December adult social; it was the most attended so far!
 - President Elect's Report (Cara Jakab): Focus is to involve parents, teachers, and the community to create the best educational environment for our children. Also will continue to embrace teacher involvement in PTA and support the staff.
 - Vice President's Report (Mike Collins)
 - 1st Grade Teacher Jan Hutton is the Kay Murver reading teacher of the year, sponsored by CCIRA (Colorado Council International Reading Association)
 - New carpet in pit, didn't have to pay
 - Choice enrollment, now in 2nd day w/ 45 applicants already, more than last year. Currently, 67% of our students choice enrolled.
 - Library and Lab open on Fridays this summer.
 - Hall of Fame Jan 11, 2:00.
 - After school writing club starting soon on Thursdays. Staff has identified students who could most benefit; invitations will be sent home shortly. If a child wants to attend and isn't on the list, talk to your teacher and we may be able to add.
 - Conducted a fire drill on Wednesday. It went smoothly. Lockdown drill will be Jan. 16.
 - Early Release Jan. 30 (note that the 12-month calendar also shows an early release on Jan 23; this is incorrect)
 - Vice President, Sponsorship Report (Guy Nahmiach)
 - Great accomplishments-goals met (Walk School Bus; GT process formalized with parents)
 - Looking at some sort of curriculum this summer
 - Treasurer's Report (Jillian Jacobs)
 - Only difference is .31 interest, nothing done in December
 - Checking-\$34916.82 and Savings-\$1016.51
 - Butter breads are next big thing-end of Feb and March
- V. Technology Update –Amy O'Neill
 - Thanks from Wyatt-Edison for Sports equipment donation that PV made. They sent a video with their thanks. The video also will be shown to students at the Hall of Fame.
 - Pixie 3 is a great tool that we often use with all grades. It is available for home use for \$20; information will be sent home next week.
- VI. Old Business

- Working on bylaws this month to bring to the PTA at the February meeting.

VII. New Business

- Summer Library Incentive (Amy O'Neill)
 - We will open the library on Fridays this summer and would like to offer incentives for summer reading/educational packet completion. Looking for freebies for prizes (perhaps from companies our parents work for?). Amy may ask PTA for money for prizes if we don't receive very many freebies.
- Classroom Creations
 - Still very popular, Kristina Neb volunteered to manage
 - What venue to use to sell, this year or next year. Discussion.
 - Amazing for standalone fundraiser-other schools have similar items go for hundreds of dollars
 - Idea for end-of-year bash-buy a ticket, have a location, a band, and sell just classroom creations—enjoy the great social aspect of the silent auction without huge pressure to buy items.
 - Question about Time w/ Staff-need to ask staff if they are interested
 - Reflections program-some schools do this as an art show, possibly add Classroom Creations here as well?
 - Support the social aspect, capitalize on success of recent social hours
 - Provide some guidance into items since there is some discrepancy with what sells and what doesn't, how much money to put in before
 - Idea to have child care provided for the end-of-year social bash, at the same location as the social or not? maybe have daycare provided at school, in LMC, maybe a local school that has a club that does babysitting, or Applewood Baptist?
 - Maybe have more items where there are multiple copies of a less expensive item or an original work and then copies to generate more revenue and give more parents opportunity to buy the creation
 - Staff – positive response to classroom creations from Heather
 - Put pix of items on webpage with starting price, maybe have some samples in Office or Front Hall to allow more parents to see the items in advance and stimulate more interest/bidding
 - Goal to have event in May and Guy, Tracy, and Cara on committee. Guy will ask Andrea Haydon if she wants to help.

VIII. Reports of Committees

- Advocacy Update (Rebekah Brown)- none; Heidi, Bekah, and Mike still to meet to discuss PV's role with Year of the Student
- Butter Braids (Jennifer Hess and Shelley Sherrill)
 - Start selling Feb. 25 - Mar 8
 - Delivery—tentatively Mar 20
- Carnival Feb. 8, 5-8pm (Donna Solomon and Heather Kennedy): A presale ticket form is in the Monday folder. This is a good savings = 5 tickets for \$1 vs. 4 tickets for \$1 at the

door. Paid presale orders will be taken until 2/1/13. There will be games, carnival food, bigger prizes, face painting, two balloon artists, and...new this year, a Retro Photo Booth! VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED! Need someone to run the Food portion of the event shopping for water soda, ice for lemonade, making lemonade, accepting and giving check to pizza delivery person, helping with setup. Tracy Langworthy and Jennifer Yates offered to help with food. Cake Walk will be in the pit again. Compliments to Paula Busby for her support in the kitchen!

- ExCEL Grade-Level Activities (Jennifer Yates)
 - Working on making sure everyone has made their contacts and scheduled events
- Reading Challenge Week (Shelley Sherrill): You can still order books by author, Dr. Jeffrey Bennett, who will be visiting PV on Jan 25. If we order a total of 40 books, his visit is free. Order forms are attached to the electronic version of this Flash, and they can be found on the PV PTA Web site.
- Restaurant Days (Shelley Sherrill): Feb. 11- Lone Star Steak House at 6th and Simms
- Social Hours (Andrea Haydon): Thanks to Jillian for hosting the Dec happy hour at her home. It was our largest turnout yet! Next social hour: Jan 30 at Teller's, 7-9 p.m
- Spelling Bee (Rachelle Trujillo): The PV Written Spelling Bee will be on Wed, Jan 16 at 2 p.m. in the 3rd grade classrooms. The Written Bee is open to all students in grades 4, 5, and 6 with permission from your teacher. The top 20 students from the Written Bee will compete in the Oral Bee on Thurs, Jan 24 at 3 p.m. in the library.
- Spring Fling (Shelley Sherrill and Tracy Langworthy)
 - Looking for a dinner donated or \$5 or less per person
 - Not having dinner at last year's Spring Fling could have been a detriment
- Talent Show (Guy Nahmiach): The application is in the Monday folder and available on the PTA Web site; it is due Feb 8.
 - The show will be May 10. Auditions will be in March, will have one act from Everitt and another school, looking to have a show that is more integrated, not so much a collection of individual acts.
- WatchDOGS (Veronica McDonough)
 - Postponed the January breakfast so we can partner w/ Kyffin for a joint date with a speaker. Hopefully could still be hosted at PV.
 - Looking to have a kick off and/or incentives to have more dads involved.
 - Steve Harris looking at other schools to see what they do to increase involvement.
 - Our TopDOGS for the rest of this year are Steve Harris and Lou Olivera.

VIII. Adjournment 4:15