

Prospect Valley PTA

October 4, 2012

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 September 2012 Minutes – **motions made and passed**
- IV. Backpack Lunch Program (Chief Dan Brennan, Wheat Ridge Police Department) – brochure handed out “Feed the Future”. Program provides food for children who are on the school Free and Reduced Lunch Program at participating Title I schools in WR during the school year. Food goes home with the kids on Fridays for the weekend. Schools that currently use the program are Pennington, Stevens, and Kullerstrand. There are approx. 3050 kids currently signed up for the program. Four ways to help: Funding (donations), Food, Volunteer, Spread the Word. Chief Brennan is specifically looking for cash donations; need to raise \$30,000 to fund the program for this school year.
- V. Reports of Officers
 - President’s Report (Heidi Olivera) –
 - Lots of accomplishments in the first month: 1st restaurant night, WR Area PTA Meeting, Watch DOGS kickoff, Dance, Special Persons’ Day, hosted WRHS Parent Workshop, kicked off first fundraiser (ABC), Social Hour, 3A/B Meeting, Walk to School Day, Backpack lunch program
 - Backpack lunch – Applewood Baptist Church is pulling together lunches for those in need.
 - Vice President/Principal’s Report (Mike Collins)
 - Thinking Maps training has continued – teachers are using/implementing it in class
 - Continued grade-level meetings with each grade, twice a month. Very productive
 - Writing – school-wide focus. Averaged 61% proficient in writing (lowest score)
 - Parent/Teacher conferences are next week
 - Vice President, Sponsorship Report (Guy Nahmiach)
 - Sponsorship – If you’re working with a sponsor, please let them know about other events coming up.
 - All money coming in needs to go to the committee head of the event first, then Jillian (the treasurer).
 - Accountability – 15 people came to the first meeting. Discussed scores, ALP issues, Lines of Communication
 - Parents are interested in reviving the Walking School Bus program. If interested in participating in this program, please let Guy know.
 - Treasurers’ Reports (Jillian Jacobs)
 - Month-to-date review
 - Total income: \$12,114.17
 - Total Expense: \$2,174.32
- VI. Reports of Committees
 - ABC Fundraiser (Guy Nahmiach) - 160 students participated; about 50 earned the pig races; Sold over \$23,000 Anticipate about \$10K profit; 6th grade sold about \$2700 and earned about \$800 for OELS accounts
 - Advocacy Update (Rebekah Brown) – Year of the Student – sign “call of action” to get legislature to quit cutting funds from the school. 3A/3B: If it doesn’t pass, PV will lose 2 teachers, ½ librarian, instrumental music and... 3A helps us with keeping teachers, 3B helps with safety of our buildings
 - CFK Recycling (Kim Route) - this year has been unreal. We are scheduling our 2nd pick-up of the year! Thanks to all the parents who have been participating.
 - Communications (Ashley Kingsley) – Still trying to get people to use our Facebook page. Please like our page.

- Dance (Tanya Pomponio, Lori Fugate, and Carrie Harris) – Would like to revisit charging for the food and drinks. Had a lot of problems with masks. Will probably go back to a Sock-hop. Need more lighting in the gym for the safety of the kids. Great event. Kids had a great time, and the decorations were awesome.
- Destination ImagiNation (Michelle Ryan Sannes) – Michelle is setting up an info night on October 23rd.
- Garden (Stacie Mintken and Erin Perrin) - We were rewarded a second grant of \$1,400 from Earth Savers Club. **Whoop, Whoop! Clap, Cheer, Whistle!** Our first grant was from Whole Food Healthy Kids of \$2,000
 - Donations are also doing well, we have confirmed our donation from Pavestone and have approximately \$1,000 of donated pavers
 - Totals thus far are \$3,400 cash donations, \$1,200 in kind
 - We are working with fencing companies for donating fence, but if anyone has direct contacts that may be interested please let me know.
 - We continue working with Jeffco facility management confirming our site and design layout. A professional landscaping company has donated their time and is part of our meetings with Jeffco facilities.
 - We are planning our first garden club meeting in October; I will let you know the exact date. If anyone is interested to learn more they can complete a ticket for time or email me.
- Grandparent's and Special Person's Day (Jennifer Yates) – Very successful. Great feedback.
- Hospitality (Jeanne Sanchez) – Working on conference dinner for staff
- Membership Report and Student Directory (Denise Miller) – Membership – Send in the report/check next week. Directory - in the works; hoping to have it done by mid-October.
- PV Gold Rush 5K (Brenda Ritz) – Coming up! Right on track. Will probably make a little more money than last year because of increased registration. Tomorrow (10/05) is last day for early registration.
- Reflections (Tracy Langworthy) – Started workshops – Numbers are lower this year compared to last year. Better subject matter this year.
- Restaurant Days (Shelley Sherrill) – We made approx. \$270 last month at CPK. Next restaurant night is at Abrusci's - Sunday, November 4th thru Thursday, November 8th - both locations - lunch (Applewood - daily/Cherry Creek - Fridays only) and dinner - 15% back. Lone Star Steakhouse - Monday, February 11, 2013 - 6th Avenue & Simms location - lunch and dinner - 15% back
- Room Parents (Janene Martinsen) – All classrooms have room parents. First party is Halloween. List of room parents is on the PTA Web site.
- Social Hours (Andrea Haydon) – 15 people showed up to the first social hour. Had a great time. Not a fundraiser; everyone pays their own bill.
- Science Fair – first planning meeting will be after Thanksgiving. Registration will begin about a month before Spring Break.
- Walk to School Day (Sarah Reeves) – Fun event! Fewer walkers than last year. Lots of great prizes. Left over granola bars going to the race.
- WatchDOGS (Veronica McDonough) - Watch DOGS had its kick off pizza night on Thursday, Sept. 13th; we had a great response: Reef confirmed his position as Top Dog! We had about 20 dads attend the pizza night (most of them new dads). We have a list of WatchDOGS from last year and have sent an email asking them if they DO NOT want to be a WD anymore; only one dad has emailed back. I am currently working on updating the list from last year and adding the new dads. We had several dads volunteering in September and some in October; we are working on ways to bring them to the school. We had 6 guys volunteer during the "special person day" acting as the special person for some kids. Teachers welcomed them. Also, I sent the Dads an email asking them to help out during the "Gold Rush", I have not gotten any responses yet. We also asked them to volunteer during track and field day – we've got one dad and a grandparent volunteering. The electronic calendar is working great. I have been updating the calendars so they are in sync. The electronic calendar sends an email to me, and to the dads, reminding them about their volunteer date.
- Wish List (Heather Kennedy) – no report

- Yearbook (Andrea Haydon) – Instructions to upload photos to Web site are in the Flash
- VII. New Business
- Grant Writing - We have two volunteer parents (our same volunteers from last year) still interested in the grant writing club. Please let Stacie Mintken know if you are interested in helping.
 - We are using the best practices we learned with garden grant writing as much as possible.
 - Our first meet will be in October. If people have grants they want us to review, please given them my email.
 - Sticky Fingers – cooking school that comes on site that provides classes. Jennifer Hitchcock will be our liaison at the school to get the after school activity set up. Sticky Fingers donated \$150 gift card for a prize at the race.

VIII. Announcements

Oct. 10-11 Fall Conferences

Oct. 14 Gold Rush 5K/1K 9 a.m.

Oct. 15-23 Original Works Art Fundraiser

Oct. 16 Picture Retakes

Oct. 18 Field Day (Gr. 2, 4, 5)

Oct. 19 Field Day (Gr. 1, 3, 6)

Oct. 22 Hearing and Vision Screening

Oct. 23 DI Info Night 6:30 p.m. LMC

Oct. 24 Early Release

Oct. 26 Aluminum Recycling

Oct. 31 Halloween Parade and Parties

Nov. 1 PTA Meeting 3 p.m. LMC

Nov. 8 Kindergarten Info Night 6 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: 4:35