

Prospect Valley PTA
September 6, 2012
General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:30 pm

- I. Call Meeting to Order: **3:02**
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Reading and Approval of the May 2012 and July 2012 Minutes – **motions made and passed**
- IV. Reports of Officers
 - President's Report (Heidi Olivera)
 - Mission, philosophy, and goals for the school year
 - National PTA mission: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
 - Values: Collaboration, Commitment, Accountability, Respect, Inclusivity, Integrity
 - Goals: have fun, support our kids, support our teachers and foster community at PV
 - Teachers' PTA involvement
 - Teachers have free PTA membership if they come to at least two meetings. Staff involvement is necessary in our meetings for us to understand the needs/wants of our school community.
 - 2012-2013 PTA officers
 - Still need a president elect.
 - VP of sponsorship – Guy Nahmiach
 - Secretary – Denise Miller
 - Treasurer – Jillian Jacobs
 - Vice President/Principal – Mike Collins
 - Vacant PTA positions – officer/chairperson list passed around; still need Business Directory chair, co-chair for Carnival, co-chair for Science Fair, and Spring Fling chair
 - Snack list – sign-up sheet passed around
 - VP, Sponsorship Report (Guy Nahmiach)
 - Goal: Strengthen our committees by working across committees to identify sponsors/donors
 - Committee plan of work and budgeting - Guy available to help fill the form out.
 - Trying to find new avenues to raise money that have less impact on our parents/volunteers
 - WR Parks and Rec Update – Smoking at playgrounds and parks – no rules against it. Would like to send a message to city council to change the laws – make our parks a smoke-free zone. Need someone to attend the city council meeting on Monday night for a hearing. **Motion made and passed to send a letter to the WR city council.**
 - Treasurers' Reports (Jillian Jacobs)
 - Annual report and audit for 2011-2012
 - 2012-2013 budget
 - Proposed change: increase the Staff Appreciation Week budget to \$600
 - Took out para money (\$1000)
 - Dropped 6th grade continuation grant from \$1500 to \$1000
 - Teacher support training was moved to technology account
 - Last year's PIE budget was actually \$150
 - **Motion made and passed approving the 2012-2013 budget**
 - Monthly register check for 2012-2013
 - Reimbursement/advance check procedures
 - Vice President/Principal's Report (Mike Collins)
 - Thanks to everyone for coming. It's been a smooth start so far this year.
 - 471 Students are enrolled. Our mobility rate is 15%. 27% free and reduced lunch
 - 8 new staff members
 - Thanks for the money for technology. A focus for the staff will be learning how to use the technology and incorporate it into curriculum.

- Next week a letter regarding the TCAP results will be coming home. 10 out of 13 of the scores went up. Growth rates were very high. The goal of growth rates is 50% - we were above in all.
- Area-Wide PTA meeting will be held on Sept. 12th at 7:30pm at Wheat Ridge High. The topic of discussion will be 3A and 3B.
- TCAP individual scores will be out in the next week or two.
- Custodial staff got cut by 4 hours per day.

V. Reports of Committees

- ABC Fundraiser (Heidi Olivera) – going on now. Orders due by the 19th. Online orders are sent directly to the person that ordered items. Merchandise will come in the last week of October. Biggest fundraiser of the year. Hoping to make \$12,000.
- Communications (Ashley Kingsley) – Facebook page is our newest way of communication. Please like and share with your friends. Still have PTA website and yahoo group.
- Dance (Tanya Pomponio, Lori Fugate, and Carrie Harris) – using Domino’s or Little Caesars for pizza. The theme is Monster Mash. Admission and first slice of pizza are free.
- Destination ImagiNation (Michelle Ryan Sannes) – Budget is good. We need coaches at every grade level.
- Garden (Stacie Mintken and Erin Perrin) – formed mission statement and created committee (12 families). Aligned with Slow Food Denver. Last year, 5th graders proposed some garden design plans to PIE. Submitted the plans to the district. Now talking about sites. Once a site is established, a professional landscaper will help with the plans. Funding: Trying to fund without school money. We won a \$2000 grant, and we have a lot of companies donating money and supplies.
- Grandparent’s and Special Person’s Day (Jennifer Yates) – Sep 20; need more volunteers to help shuffle people in and out of classrooms on the schedule. Everything is looking good. Recommend only one or two *special* people per student.
- Hospitality (Jeanne Sanchez) – Co-chair Monica Shanley. Did popsicles at the Meet and Greet and food at the Parent Welcome. Next up will be popsicles at field days and teacher dinners at October conferences.
- Legislative Update (Rebekah Brown) – Year of the Student Project. **Motion Made and Passed**
 - The Project stands for these principles:
 - After multiple years of cuts, Colorado’s students – preschool through higher education – cannot wait any longer for us to provide the resources they need to succeed as citizens and members of the workforce:
 - High-quality, accessible early childhood education
 - Highly prepared, effective and supported teachers
 - Challenging curriculum, individualized attention, expanded learning opportunities
 - Affordable, quality post-secondary education options
 - With reforms and policies in place involving P - 20 standards and accountability, educator quality and student achievement, Colorado students stand to benefit profoundly from new investment in public education.
 - State leaders can and must take action in the 2013 legislative session.
 - The time has come to do right by Colorado’s students.
 - 3A and 3B, representative will come to our school if we are interested. Bekah will ask about their availability for an evening presentation at PV.
- Membership Report and Student Directory (Denise Miller) – Have 210 members at this point (14 teachers). Directories will hopefully be done early to mid-October.
- PV Gold Rush 5K (Brenda Ritz) – Struggling with getting sponsors from companies and parents. About \$2000 down in donations from businesses. We need more runners. Registration is up and running. Can sign up on the website. Flyers will go home in the next few weeks.
- Reflections (Tracy Langworthy) – Will have after school workshops again. Would like to provide an incentive for the kids to turn in their artwork. Would like to increase our showing. Theme: The Magic of a Moment...
- Restaurant Days (Shelley Sherrill) – Look for many of them. Easy way to make money. Goal is to do it once per month. First one is next Wednesday at CPK. We will try to vary the day of week (but this is determined by the hosting restaurant).
- Room Parents (Janene Martinsen) – Still need room parents. Turn in tickets for time.
- Social Hours (Andrea Haydon) – Sept. 26th and Abrusci’s. Not a fundraiser. Time for parents to socialize and get

to know each other. No kids.

- Walk to School Day (Sarah Reeves) – Meeting tomorrow after drop-off. Getting 250 free Cliff Bars to distribute to the walkers.
- Welcoming (Alisha Neal) – contacting new families by email/phone starting next week.
- Wish List (Heather Kennedy) – have heard from about half of the teachers. Apples have been being taken off the tree.

VI. New Business - Grant Writing: Heidi will work with Stacie to engage last year's grant-writing volunteers.

VII. Announcements

Sep 11	Student Picture Day	Sep 28	Aluminum recycling
Sep 12	Restaurant Day @ CPK	Sep 28	Early Release (12:15)
Sep 14	Friday Night Dance (6:00-8:00)	Oct 1	Official 1 Day Count for All Schools
Sep 19	ABC orders due	Oct 3	International Walk/Bike to School Day
Sep 20	Grandparent's and Special Person's Day	Oct 4	PTA meeting (3:00)
Sep 20	Accountability meeting (3:00)	Oct 10-11	Fall conferences
Sep 26	Social Hour @ Abrusci's	Oct 14	Gold Rush 5K/1K

VIII. Adjournment **4:42**