

**Prospect Valley PTA April 3rd, 2014 General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15p.m.**

- I. Call meeting to order - 3:00 p.m.
- II. Welcome, Introductions, and Sign In
- III. New Business - Bicycle Colorado (Brian Gerwig) - Bicycle Colorado is a non-profit that advocates for bicyclists, trails, and anything to do with the sport. They also work with schools to provide education on biking through the PE classes. They will be working with our kids to: help fit helmets, provide the opportunity to ride on the bicycle rodeo course, teach hand signals and voice signals. PV will have Walking and Wheeling week May 6-9. Encourage families to ride or walk to school from home or even parking a little farther from school and ride or walk from there. They will hold a raffle after riding/walking to school for those who participate. If you are interested you can sign up to volunteer to help.
- IV. Reading and approval of the March minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- V. Reports of Officers
  - President's report (Cara Jakab) : Chair reminders to please check your folder throughout the year because things are often added all year long. If there are any new tickets for time those will be included as well. Please call anyone who has filled out a ticket for time for your event so they know you received it and that you want their help. Please also make sure to call all ticket for time volunteers at least 2 weeks prior to the event. We want to keep our volunteers and want them to want to come back and help again each year, and communication is key in that.
  - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Thanks to those who brought snacks for today's meeting. If you are a chairperson and you have any changes you would like to make to your tickets-for-time form, please sent those in.
  - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): Monday is a Staff Development day with our GT Coordinator, Cindy Gifford. He recently toured the farm of one of the neighbors to our school who is a professor at UCD. Bike Safety Program is starting. We are testing for CMAS at the end of April which will be all online. He has a meeting with Cara and Guy regarding Strategic Planning for the District (April 10th at 5:30 p.m.) which will look at how the budget will impact schools.
  - Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy and Heidi Olivera): In March we got an additional \$2580 for our Capital Campaign with our 30 day push. Heather reviewed monies spent. Currently we have \$23,246.20 in checking and \$2500 in savings.

VI. Old Business (Cara Jakab): Nominations for Volunteer of the Year (outgoing 6th grade parent) can be made via Survey Monkey for other PTA members who are not present at today's meeting. The Volunteer of the Year will be honored at the May reception and will get their name on a plaque and a piece of their child's art framed. We took votes for the nominations during the meeting. (Nominees: Tanya Pomponio, Guy Nahmiach, Heidi Lorenz, Denise Miller, Kim & Dave Route, Rachelle Trujillo, Vickie Seal)

#### VII. Reports of Committees

- Advocacy (Rebekah Brown) Co. PTA Legislative Meeting proposed a budget increase which was voted down. Wanting a better budget plan. Student Success Act received a "no" vote because it was not much money and too many requirements. Board of Education meeting, tonight, 4-3-14, and will be discussing the wireless problems and charter schools spending. Greater Ed Group meeting on 4-9 & 4-11 to help people understand how to talk to legislators.
- Destination Imagination (Cara Jakab for Jen Pollock): The 4th/5th grade teams will be participating in the DI State Tournament, taking place April 12th at Metro State Campus.
- Garden (Erin Perrin & Stacie Mintken) Daffodils are coming up. In terms of planting for this year - kids from each grade will be voting on what to plant in their gardens and then take part in the planting. They will get voting sheets to fill out. What is next with the garden? Looking into doing a Farmer's Market in August - making it a community event. Selling parking lot spaces for vendors to set up in and also offering spaces to students to sell wares (spaces would be cheaper for PV students). PV could sell veggies from the garden. This money would help cover garden costs and put money back into the school. They are also working on grants. They have scheduled a planning meeting with Bear Creek Elementary to see how they did their garden and find out successes/changes. Heather mentioned they might need to look into getting a special events sales tax license.
- Gold Rush (Ben Leroux for Brenda Ritz): Looking at ways to increase participation - possibly making a trophy for the class who has the greatest participation. Would like to help encourage more family participation. Possibly looking into magnets for the highest donor (depending on cost). Already working on getting sponsors for the event.
- Reading Challenge Week (Amy O'Neill for Jennifer Siegal) May 19th author Dorothy Donahue will be at our school. This is during Reading Challenge Week. Order forms for her book will go out next week so that people can pre-order and she will sign for the kids. 1,2, & 4th graders will

be doing art similar to her style in art class. The Book Fair will also take place during Reading Challenge Week.

- Spring Fling (Cara Jakab): Takes place on April 21st from 5-8 p.m. Spring Fling is comprised of the Science Fair, Cake Auction (funds raised go towards the art program), and Art Show. There will be a spaghetti dinner this night organized by Jeanne Sanchez. Deadline for RSVP's for dinner are April 15th. No walk-ins for the dinner. The dinner is not a fundraiser - funds cover the cost of the meal.
- Science Fair (Robin Chalker ): The Science Fair is April 21st. They have a workshop this Friday and then the next Wed. and Fri.. They have judges lined up for the event.
- Social Hour (Cara Jakab for Andrea Tuitele): Next Social Hour will be on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Colorado Plus Brewery in the upstairs room. Please RSVP to Andrea if you would like to attend.
- Staff Appreciation (Cara Jakab): Takes place May 5-9. It is a token of our appreciation for the Staff and they receive something in their box each day and we provide a meal (breakfast or lunch) each day.
- Talent Show (Guy Nahmiach) The Talent Show will be held on May 23rd at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and is free and open to everyone. Practices will begin next week and take place twice a week in Janelle's room. There will be 2 dress rehearsals prior to the show.
- Wee Deliver (Shelley Sherrill): All classes received addresses in their Monday folder. It is up and running and open through the end of the year. Provides writing opportunities in class and leadership opportunities for older kids.
- Yearbook (Cara Jakab for Andrea Haydon) No more pictures are needed.
- A discussion was held on fundraising for next year. We are close to 70% of our capital campaign goal (\$17K). Discussed continuing with the Capital Campaign for a second year and if we needed to add a fundraiser in the Spring we could do so then. Discussed that we will need to raise \$38k to meet this current budget.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:25 p.m.

### **Dates to Remember**

**April 17th: Accountability 3:00 p.m. & Social Hour 7:00 p.m.**

**April 21st: Spring Fling 5-8 p.m.**

**April 23rd: Early Release 12:15 p.m.**

**April 25th: Aluminum Recycling**

**April 25th & 28th: Spring Assessment Days**