

Prospect Valley PTA December 4th, 2014 General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15p.m.

- Call meeting to order - 3:00 p.m.
- Welcome, Introductions, and Sign In
- Reading and approval of the November 2014 minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakob) : Thanks for a great first semester and all of the work done behind the scenes. Giving Campaign - The next letter sent home regarding the Giving Campaign will specify where we will be spending money.
 - Tech Survey Overview (Amy O'Neill): On our carts with laptops there are some broken down and not working. The request is to have enough machines to fill the carts – most teachers prefer chromebooks vs. laptops because they are faster. Cost is \$270/chromebook which includes a 1 yr. warranty. The chromebooks have few tech issues and no compatibility issues. Only issue is bandwidth which is a building issue and not in our control. For \$6000 we can get 18-20 chromebooks. The power cords are interchangeable with the laptops. Buying laptops through the district purchasing agreement, we get tech support and a 3 yr. warranty. Discussion was held on in the future building more money into the PTA budget for technology. Mr. Collins mentioned that with the new Student Based Budgeting we may be able to look at allotting more money towards technology. We have made great progress in terms of technology every year he's been here due to the help of the PTA. **Motion was made and approved to include the information on purchasing chromebooks in the next letter sent home regarding the Giving Campaign.**
 - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Thanks to those who brought snacks for today's meeting and those who babysat.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): Decision was made on the Leadership committee to combine Back to School and Curriculum Night next year. The 5th & 6th grade concert has been moved from Jan. 15th to the 29th. The Student Based Budgeting (SBB) survey is going out next week and will be attached to the Flash. SBB gives the principals more flexibility with the budget for each individual school. The budget is larger and will allow principals ability to staff the whole building in addition to supplies and para-professionals. We have a new half time Special Ed teacher – Robin Ramerdahl. She has 28 years experience as a reading specialist. Band concert is Monday at 7p.m. at Jefferson High School. Positive Prospector lunch next week. Good news – we are slated to get new furniture next year. More good news - Prospect Valley is a recipient of the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award (given to those whose growth scores exceed expectations for 3 years)
 - Treasure's report (Jen Hess for Heather Kennedy): Ending balance of \$23,421.46. The Membership Dues line under income is negative because we paid the state and national dues last month, leaving a net total to date of \$526.25, which is less than what we budgeted. Giving Campaign to date is \$8,761. Discussion was held on the Carry Over amount. Question was asked what we spend monthly and discussion was held to have Heather bring breakdown in January so in February we can discuss next year's budget.
- Old Business – Read At Home (Mike Schane) Has been up and running for 2 ½ mos. Volunteers come in weekly to help. We are trying to encourage kids who aren't participating to participate more often. Do not need more books except at the lowest level of books.
- Reports of Committees

- Business Directory/Student Directory (Cara Jakab for Colleen Emory) They have been sent home. If you did not receive one and would like one, or would like another one, they are \$5. Thank you to Colleen for all of her work in putting this together.
 - Carnival (Cara Jakab for Laura) Taking place Feb. 6th.
 - Original Works (Cara Jakab for Heather and Holly) \$2700 was earned for the Art program (\$1100 more than last year)
 - Room Parents (Cara Jakab for Monica Shanley) Dec. 19th Holiday parties. 1:45-2:45 p.m. except for 3rd grade (due to Specials) 12:45 – 1:45. 6th grade does not have a party due to Outdoor lab.
 - Social Hour (Cara Jakab for Andrea Tuitele) Went well and 30 people attended – some new families attended.
 - Spelling Bee (Katie Bauer) New to this committee – was a High School English teacher. 4,5,6 grades written tests Jan. 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Oral tests Jan. 29th 3:00 p.m. in the Library. Area Spelling Bee Feb. 13th 10:00 a.m. at the Jeffco Ed Center (no school that day). Has already contacted the teachers and volunteers regarding the Spelling Bee.
 - Watch DOG Dads (Cara Jakab for Steve) Working on making more flexible next year for dad's to participate. Shorter shifts if that helps (also available currently) Steve's last year so would like to find someone to shadow him second semester – 2 people to run the program would be better.
 - Wish List (Cara Jakab for Heather Kennedy) Can pull wish list items as ideas for Holiday presents for teachers.
 - Yearbook (Cara Jakab for Samantha Torres) Starting to work on layout.
- Discussion brought up on spending money on videos that are entertaining and educational. Clean out all videos that are available.
 - Discussion on the Destination Imagination budget line item – base it on # of teams vs. a set amount.
 - Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 19th: Holiday Parties; Aluminum Recycling

Dec. 22nd – Jan. 2nd: No School/ Winter Break

Jan. 5th & 6th: No School/ District Staff Development

Jan. 7th: Students Return

Jan. 8th: PTA Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 21st: Written Spelling Bee