

Prospect Valley PTA February 5, 2015 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 January 2015 minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakab) : Thanks to those who came to the budget meeting. Thanks to Rachel & Mark Reinert & Heather Kennedy for all of the behind the scenes number crunching they all did.
 - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Thanks to those who brought snacks for today's meeting and those who babysat. Review of snack sign up for next meeting (Amie Morozs kid snack, Kathy Hyland adult snack). Update on the Giving Campaign – we have had 95 families who have given and we are almost at \$11K.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): We will be sending out a letter next week regarding the upcoming testing which starts Mar. 2nd. We have a 4 day weekend coming up. Parent/Teacher Conferences take place next week. Valentine's Parties are taking place Thursday Feb. 12th. The Spelling Bee was wonderful – thanks to Katie Bauer for taking that on. The 5th and 6th grade concert was wonderful. Our school Carnival is taking place this Friday Feb. 6th. Interviewing for new head Custodian tomorrow.
 - Treasurer's report (Heather Kennedy): Part of our budget meeting discussion was that we have been able to bring in more money at the beginning of the year (Giving Campaign donations at registration, sponsors for the Gold Rush – deadline in July) so we are recommending a **\$3000 Carry-over for next year. Motion made and passed. Motion also made and passed to give \$6000 to the school to purchase new Chromebooks.** If we don't spend our unallocated funds then we could meet our budget. In March we will discuss our PTA budget in more depth, let Heather or Cara know if you are interested in being part of this discussion/meeting. Cara asked that we please continue to encourage people to continue to contribute to the Giving Campaign.
- New Business – Volunteer of the Year is nominated in March and voted on in April. This is for a parent of an outgoing 6th grader. Some names of potential nominations: Tammy O'Dean (auction), Melissa Anderson, Steve & Monica Harris (Watch DOG), Veronica McDonough (Watch DOG), Jennifer Capps. Please bring your nominations to our March PTA meeting. Cara sent around the Chairperson list for next year – if you are interested in something please let her know. Jen presented that Amie Morozs will be the Secretary for next year. Discussion held on Classroom Creations – possibly doing them at the end of the year to help us end strong with the Giving Campaign. Ideas discussed: doing at the next Social Hour; Talent Show; Spring Fling; Could have them displayed in the front hallway during the day and people can look at and bid and possibly presenting winners at the Spring Fling.
- Reports of Committees
 - Advocacy (Melissa Anderson) PTA Legislative update. Vaccinations – Colorado Board of Health requires families to submit their current immunization record at registration, unless they are exempt. Exemptions can be for religious reasons or personal choice. The exemptions are being looked at to potentially make them more restrictive. Ntl. PTA is encouraging families to vaccinate. Colorado has the highest exemption rate on vaccinations. Tax credits – people receive vouchers for income tax credits when they enroll in a private school. Ntl. PTA doesn't support this. February 26th is the next all day session – Melissa will be attending.

- Carnival (Laura Sicard) Taking place tomorrow, Feb. 6th. Cakes can be brought in any time prior to the event tomorrow. Set up begins at 3:00 p.m. Booth helpers arrive at 4:45 p.m. 6:30-8:00 2nd shift booth helpers arrive. Reminder that older siblings are not allowed unless they are helping.
 - Destination Imagination (Jen Hess for Debbie Simpson) Competition taking place March 7th at Alameda High School.
 - Garden (Erin Perrin) Looking at trying “Adopt a Garden Bed (or fence)” this year to help with labor like weeding, watering, and loving that bed. Offering them to Girl Scout Troops, Companies, Families, etc. They have 7 beds that can be adopted. Mar. 16th holding a parent meeting discussing projects for summer where kids can come and learn. Tentatively back on for the Wheat Ridge Garden Tour which takes place on July 11th. Garden website is up and running. They are also going to be trying seeds this year in March vs. plants.
 - Hospitality (Cara Jakab for Monica Shanley & Jeanne Sanchez) Will be providing a meal next week for the first night of Teacher conferences.
 - Science Fair (Cara Jakab for Robin Chalker & Liz Loya) They are working on this. Takes place in April.
 - Spelling Bee (Jen Hess for Katie Bauer) Spelling Bee went really well. Oral winners: 1. Brady McDermott (4th), 2. Luxe Palmer (5th), 3. Sonja Morin (6th).
 - Watch DOG Dads (Cara Jakab for Steve) Looking for anyone interested in being a co-chair for next year. They will offer shorter shifts as options next year. Beginning and End of day are key times to have someone on duty.
 - Wee Deliver (Cara Jakab for Amber Schenk) In-school postal service. First letter has been sent out to get addresses and the test for kids staffing has also been sent out. Delivery begins in April and May.
 - Yearbook (Cara Jakab for Samantha Torres) Information will be in the Flash regarding how to download pictures for the yearbook.
- Other thoughts/concerns: Question was asked about the rumors that Wheat Ridge 5-8 7th and 8th graders would be going to Jefferson High School and that the GT Center would be moving to Everitt Middle School. Mr. Collins said that he’s not sure how these will work out but knows that they are being discussed.
 - Adjournment: 3:50 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 6th: Carnival 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 10-11th: Spring Conferences

Feb. 12th: Valentine Parties

Feb. 13th: No School – Staff Development

Feb. 16th: No School – President’s Day

Feb. 25th: Early Release 12:15 p.m.

Feb. 27th: Aluminum Recycling

Next Meeting – March 5th – 7:00 p.m.