**Prospect Valley PTA**

**January 12, 2012**

**General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15 pm**

1. Call Meeting to Order: **3:05**
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Reading and Approval of the Dec 2011 Minutes: **motion made and passed**
4. Reports of Officers

* Presidents’ Reports (Guy Nahmiach and Heidi Olivera)
  + Budget cuts less than we thought for next year: from $35 million to $20-$25 million dollars.
  + Teachers still need to spend their classroom support money. A few teachers have not submitted any receipts yet.
  + There are a lot of areas in the school for parents to volunteer (list of opportunities on PIE Web site under Academic Enrichment). Contact teachers or Mike if interested.
  + Income is down, expenses up. Adding California Pizza Kitchen Restaurant Night (monthly) and other possible fundraisers.
  + Thank you B&N committee. Great time.
  + Thank you, Wendy Browne, for setting up the Gold Rush 5K for next year. We need two people to take it over.
* Treasurer’s Report (Heather Kennedy and Jillian Jacobs)
  + Total income for December: $111.87
  + Total expenses for December: $247.97
* Vice President/Principal’s Report (Mike Collins)
  + GT Seminar – experts coming out to our school on Jan 25th to work with our teachers. Parent seminar on Jan. 26th for any interested parent.
  + Acuity test – 3-6 grade tests (language arts and math) – latest round predicts that our CSAP/TCAP test scores will increase on 6 out of 8 categories. All four categories on math increased. The other 2 categories were very close.
  + Lock-out drill yesterday – had district people come out and help out. We learned a lot; drill went very well.
  + Safety: keyless entry on library door is almost done. Other safety issues being looked at. The door on the N side of the building (by the office) is going to be locked all day once school starts in the morning.
  + Writing workshop getting started. Mr. Collins, Mrs. Kiefer, and another teacher will be running the workshop. Kids will be recommended for it. Workshop will be on Thursday’s after school for 6 weeks. Permission slips going home tomorrow.
  + Vision/Mission statement – want parent/teacher input
  + HR department – lots of changes. Some shuffling of teachers. Feb. 13th we will find out how many teachers we get next year. We expect to still have a 2nd grade job share next year.
  + Cindy Stevenson is having a meeting with teams from schools to discuss the cuts.
  + New school Web site coming soon
  + Flash is being converted to a paperless version (online on the new Web site rather than emailed).
  + 6th grade teachers are going to middle schools for a half day just to talk with teachers to ensure our 6th graders meet the middle school teachers’ expectations
  + Mr. Collins is observing a reading/writing lesson for each class
  + Representative from school district, Bill Strinum, working with teachers on math
  + Principal placement – Jose came out last week and met with the staff. All indications are that the meeting was positive. Parent meeting tonight at 5:30.
  + Mike going to the preschools in the area to tell them about our school.

1. Technology Update (Michelle Johnson and Lenita Newby) – none
2. Reports of Committees

* Barnes and Noble Night (Rachel Rohner and Kaylyn Wilson) – made approx. $1500. Great community event! Rachel is trying to figure out why our income was so low after what seemed like such a successful night.
* Business Directory (Allison Kenney) – still in process. Need more ads. Contact Allison Kenney if you have an ad.
* Carnival (Alisha Neal and Donna Solomon) – on track. A few changes: two balloon artists, rented some extra photo booths, doubled the more popular games, a café, moving the cake walk to the pit. Need extra cub-scout volunteers. Need more cakes (ran out last year).
* Legislative update (Susan Sherrod) – went to legislative committee meeting for CO PTA. Everyone is fired up about Lobato. On December 9, 2011 the District Court held that the state’s school finance system is unconstitutional because it is inadequate and not rationally related to the constitutional mandate of a thorough and uniform system of free public education. Case is being appealed. Great Education Colorado wants to take two approaches: legislature (rally April 14 at the capitol building) and public (make presentations where they can to educate the community on the potential impact of the case).
* Reading Challenge Week (Chelly Vitry) – scheduled author, Mark Ludy. Reading logs and celebration. Amy O’Neill will be educating the students on Mr. Ludy and his books next week prior to his visit. Order form for his books will be in the Flash.
* Restaurant Fundraisers (Lisa McMullen) – adding CPK.
* Silent Auction (Erin Perrin) – 44 donations greater than $3000. Poster contest – Sydney Pollock was the winner. Auction meeting next week on Jan 18th from 1:00-2:30. We need help soliciting businesses for donations. Boxes for classroom basket donations are in the classrooms. Still need some classroom creation volunteers.
* Spelling Bee (Rachelle Trujillo) – written: Jan. 18; oral: Jan. 26; WR Area: Feb. 8

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

* Principal placement – PTA to recommend Mr. Collins to be our permanent principal – **motion made and passed.**

VII. Announcements

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| January 16 | MLK Day – No School |
| January 18 | Written Spelling Bee (during school) |
| January 25 | Early Release Day (12:15 pm) |
| January 26 | Oral Spelling Bee (3:00 pm) |
| February 7 | Class Pictures |
| February 8 | Wheat Ridge Area Spelling Bee |
| February 9 | PTA Meeting (3:00 pm) |
| February 9 | PIE Meeting (5:30 pm) |
| February 10 | PV Carnival |
| February 14 | Valentine’s Day classroom parties |
| February 15-16 | Spring Conferences |
| February 17, 20 | No School |

VIII. Adjournment **4:20**