

Prospect Valley PTA January 9th, 2014 General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15

- I. Call meeting to order - 3:00 p.m.
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Reading and approval of the December minutes - Motion made and passed,
December minutes were approved
- IV. Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Jen Hess for Cara Jakab) : Mr. Tharp and his wife had a baby girl. He will be gone for the month of January. Staff Support will provide meals for them - if you are interested in contributing, contact Rachel Reinert.
 - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Thanks to those who brought snacks for today's meeting. For the Feb. 6th meeting snacks: Lluvia Armendariz (or Tracy Langworthy) and Cheryl Casados. We have 6 new 6th grade babysitters for the PTA meetings.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): We had 4 staff members attend a GT conference. Ms. Rutledge shared that they got lots of great tools and have shared some with the rest of the staff. These tools can be used for GT and non-GT students. Next Accountability meeting will be held on January 16th at 3:00 p.m. in the library. On Dec. 19th the 5th graders had Colonial Day. On Dec. 18th he spoke to the Wheat Ridge Optimists and told them about PVE. The Dec. 20th Holiday parties were fun for all the kids. The Dec. band concert went well but was tight accommodating the number of attendees so the next one will be held at Wheat Ridge High School. On Jan. 17th there will be the Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony. On the Colorado School Grades website PVE is ranked 73rd in schools and has an A grade which is based on test scores. This is a testament to all the hard work we have been doing.
 - Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy and Heidi Olivera): Heather reviewed the December Treasurers report. In December we received \$1230 more in donations towards the capital campaign. Currently we have \$22,989.44 on the books. They asked to have a volunteer to help review the books - Sara True volunteered. Heather and Heidi will not be continuing as co-treasurers next year, so we are looking for a new person/persons to do that next year.
- V. Technology Update (Ms. Rutledge for Amy O'Neill): Chromebooks arrived for the 6th grade. They have 30 between all 3 classes. Thanks for the PTA for purchasing these. They conducted a stock market project using the Chromebooks that taught the kids problem solving and flexible thinking.

VI. Old Business (Jen Hess for Cara Jakob): The piano auction had 3 bidders and went to the highest bidder for \$300 (Rachel Reinert). If you are not on JBF - please sign up on the sheet being passed around or let Cara or Jen know so they can add you.

VII. New Business (Jen Hess for Cara Jakob): Rachele Trujillo is looking for someone to work with her and the Spelling Bee so that they can take over for her next year since she has a 6th grader and is on her way out. Written Spelling Bee on Jan. 15th at 2 p.m. in the lunchroom and the oral Spelling Bee is on Jan. 23rd in the library after school. The top spellers can go on to the Wheat Ridge Bee, then on to State and on to Scripps Bee. We will include info. on the facebook page that we are looking for a new person to run the Spelling Bee committee.

VIII. Reports of Committees

- Advocacy Update (Rebekah Brown): There is a new legislation session for Colorado PTA.
- Business Directory/Student Directory (Colleen Emory): Were sent out in Monday folders on Dec. 20th.
- Carnival (Laura Sicard): Takes place on Friday Feb. 7th from 5-8 p.m. We will have WRHS cheerleaders donating their time to help at the Carnival. If you are interested in helping with anything please sign up or contact Laura.
- Destination Imagination (Jen Pollock): There is 2 mos. left. Sat. Mar. 1st Jeffco tournament takes place at Alameda HS. Feb. 22nd is Appraiser training which is a full day training. Appraisers can pick one tournament day to attend and help with. They need appraisers at the tournaments.
- Tracy Langworthy discussed the Wheat Ridge Optimists club and the Scholarship contest they are holding. \$2500 scholarship for the winner of an essay contest on "How Dreams Lead to Success". Kids under 19 are eligible and it is a 700-800 essay and entries are due Feb. 15th.
- Membership (Becca Higgins): We have 3 new members.
- Watch Dog Dads (Veronica McDonough): No one in attendance to give an update.

IX. Adjournment: 3:44 p.m.

Dates to Remember

January 9th: PTA meeting - 3:00p.m.

January 15th: Written Spelling Bee

January 20th: No School - MLK Holiday

January 23rd: Oral Spelling Bee in Library

January 31st: Aluminum Recycling

Feb. 4th: Class Pictures

Feb. 6th: PTA Meeting 3:00 p.m.

February 7th: Carnival 5-8 p.m.