

Prospect Valley PTA January 8th, 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 December 2014 minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakab) : Happy New Year and thanks for being here and making the meeting a priority. Sharing of thank you notes regarding Governors Award luncheon for teachers, 12 days of Christmas gifts for all staff, and family support for school Psychologist after having baby. Heather Graf (Staff Support) provides all the gifts for the teachers and staff for the 12 days of Christmas, and does not turn in receipts for reimbursement to the PTA. If any parent would like to contribute \$5 - \$10 towards reimbursing Heather, that would be great. Giving Campaign update and facts: First day of registration – 41 families gave \$4205; Second day of registration – 24 families gave \$1570; Total at registration – 65 families gave \$5775.00. From September 2014 – January 8, 2015, 25 families have given \$3541 (6 of which were online donations, 2 are matching gifts). Approximately 24% of families have given to date – which means approximately 90 families have given \$9316 at an average of \$103.51/family. We have reached 37% of our goal! We are a little bit behind from where we were this time last year in the Giving Campaign. The best way to continue to promote the Giving Campaign is by word of mouth. Please encourage those who have not given to give. Teachers could also include reminders about the Giving Campaign in their weekly emails out to families.
 - 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. Please give to the Giving Campaign – we would like to continue with it next year and not have to add back in fundraisers.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): Thank you for coming to the meeting today. At the School Board meeting on Jan. 15th at 6:30 PV will be recognized for the Governor's Award we received. Colorado School grades came out prior to the holiday break and PV received an A- grade. Thanks for all the hard work of the staff and parents to help get this grade. The holiday parties were great and the kids had fun. Jan. 7-23 is the first round of choice enrollment. Kindergarten registration is from Jan. 20-26. New homes are being built near the school and could cause some issues with construction traffic and drainage. Mr. Collins has already discussed with the builder but wanted to give a heads up in case there are issues. We will be holding an Accountability Meeting on Jan. 22nd to address the Student Based Budgeting and that process – which is due at the end of Jan. The 5th/6th grade concert is January 29th. The Choir concert (headed by parent April Larsen) was held prior to break and was great. Outdoor Lab went well, kids had a great week. Next year Outdoor lab will take place the 3rd week of school.
 - Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy): We received \$600 in Giving Campaign donations in Dec. We paid out \$1000 for Outdoor Lab scholarship. Ending balance of \$22,595.77. We still need to raise \$5221.23 to meet the budget if we carry forward \$10,000. Heather sent around a sign-up sheet for a separate Budget Committee for those interested in discussing in more depth the budget and expenses. We will present info. from this committee at the next Feb. PTA meeting. Mark Reinert presented a monthly break down of profit and loss for July-Dec. 2014 that he put together. Discussion was held on

the Unallocated Funds line item and the Carry Forward line item and spending budget money now vs. later. Cara encouraged those who are interested to sign up on the Budget Committee to further discuss these items in more depth.

- Old Business – We are still in need of a chairperson for Family/Staff Support. If you would like to donate money to reimburse Heather Graf for all she did for the staff prior to the holiday, please do. Running Club at lunch time (Becky Gennerman-Schroeder) - still working on the development of the Running Club. Need a parent to take the lead on this club. If anyone here knows of a person who might be a good fit or interested in this – please get the word out. Becky is leaving at the end of the year so will not be able to be in charge of this next year – but would be available this year to help someone as it gets started. The Wellness Committee will also help support this. Cara mentioned how healthy all the holiday parties were and how great that is.
- New Business – Outdoor Lab (Heather Rutledge – 6th grade). Heather presented a slide show of the week at Outdoor Lab. The kids had a great time and enjoyed the learning outside of the classroom. Next year they will go to Windy Peak the 3rd week of school. The only way to earn money for Outdoor Lab will be through the reloadable King Soopers/Safeway cards which can be used for groceries and gas. Reminder that these reloadable cards are a great way to start earning money NOW for Outdoor Lab, especially for those 5th grade families attending next year. The Outdoor Lab fee is \$350.
- Reports of Committees
 - Carnival (Laura Sicard) Taking place Feb. 6th. Everything is in place and on track for the event. She has the photo booth, balloons, face painting, etc. It seems less stressful this year since everything is lined up. They will be sending something out on the 19th regarding advanced ticket sales and asking for more volunteers.
 - Spelling Bee (Jen Hess for Katie Bauer) Has been working on things. Grades 4,5,6 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. 10th at 9:00 a.m..
 - Destination Imagination (Cara Jakab for Debbie Simpson) Update at February meeting.
 - Watch DOG Dads (Cara Jakab for Steve) Update at February meeting.
 - Yearbook (Cara Jakab for Samantha Torres) Information will be in the Flash on Monday regarding how to download pictures for the yearbook. Starting to work on layout.
- Adjournment: 4:04 p.m.

Dates to Remember

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

Jan. 19th: No School

Jan. 20-26: Kindergarten Registration

Jan. 21st: Written Spelling Bee – Cafeteria

Jan. 29th: Oral Spelling Bee – Library

Jan. 30th: Recycling

Feb. 3rd: Class Pictures

Feb. 5th: PTA Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 6th: Carnival – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 10-11 Spring Conferences

Feb. 12th: Valentine Parties

