

Prospect Valley PTA March 5, 2015 General PTA Business Meeting 6:00-7:15p.m.

- Call meeting to order - 6:03 p.m.
- Welcome, Introductions, and Sign In
- Reading and approval of the February 2015 minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakab) : Giving Campaign update – 100 families have given, 26% of our families, we are at 46% of our goal. There will be a letter going out on Monday reminding families of the opportunity to contribute. We are almost to \$12,000.
 - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Thanks to those who brought snacks for today's meeting and those who babysat. A budget meeting was held and we are working on slimming down the PTA budget. We will continue to crunch and analyze the budget more at an additional meeting. If you are interested in attending please let us know. We will present the information at the April meeting.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): PARRC testing started this week and the kids have done well and the tests have gone fairly smoothly. Mrs. Oneill, Mrs. Holton and Mrs. Galmesh have helped in coordinating the testing. Question was asked regarding how "opting out" of PARRC testing impacts the school/scores. Mr. Collins said that we need 95% participation in the testing so it does not negatively impact us. Jill Felman – School Board member will be visiting our school on Monday. Report cards will go home on Monday. Choir concert being held tonight. The recent snow day that we had will not require a make-up day. There are several PV staffing changes for next year – will keep people informed through the Flash. We will be interviewing for some of the changes over the next few weeks. We will be adding a 4th grade teacher (no split class next year); Mrs. Hoxie (3rd) will be moving to 1st grade; Ms. Carmack (3rd) will be moving to 2nd grade; we have 2 openings in 3rd grade; we will have a new additional Special Ed aid; we will continue to have a GT tutor next year; we will be adding a writing tutor and a ½ time reading specialist next year.
 - Treasurer's report (Heather Kennedy): Budget is sound right now. We have enough money to meet our needs. If we make \$2500 more then we could use the unallocated funds of \$4000 on something this year. Review of budget numbers. We have received employee matching gifts this year.
- New Business – The Talent Show will be staff sponsored this year by Mr. Krapfl. Our Volunteer Reception will be held May 21st at 2:00 p.m. Nominations are for outgoing 6th grade parents and they will receive a plaque and a framed piece of their child's artwork. Nominations are: 1. Steve & Monica Harris 2. Veronica McDonough 3. Tammy O'Dean 4. Jeanine Martinson 5. Jen Capps. We will vote on these nominations at the April PTA meeting. May 15th there will be a Retirement Reception for Mrs. Monaco and Ms. Hutton after school. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at the April meeting for food. The chairperson list for next year is being passed around, if you are interested in anything – please sign up.
- Reports of Committees
 - Advocacy (Melissa Anderson) PTA Legislative Conference was cancelled due to our snow day and is rescheduled for next Wednesday. There will be a pool party on May 26th for the 6th grade.
 - Classroom Creations (Cara for Kristina Neb) Coming back this year. Pictures of the items will be out along with a bid sheet for 3 days in the front hallway before and after school. Announce the winners at the Talent Show (May 22nd). Details are still being worked out

and there will be an update in April. Ondrea Matthews had an idea to post the item pictures on the PV facebook page to help with the social media marketing.

- Garden (Jen for Erin Perrin) "Adopt a Garden Bed with 7 beds (or fence)" this year to help with labor like weeding, watering, and loving that bed. There will not be any signage advertising the adopter. Considering running gutters along the fence so we could have some climbing plants. 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. Trying seeds this year – not sure if planting before or after Spring Break. Dates to help with the Garden Committee will be posted.
- Reading Challenge Week (Jen Siegal) Author coming on Monday May 18th will be Garry Pfaffman – a science teacher from Woody Creek (near Aspen). He writes field guide books for the Rocky Mountain area. His website is www.naturescool.com. We will be holding 2 assemblies (1 for younger kids and 1 for older kids) and he charges a \$400 fee.
- Destination Imagination (Debbie Simpson) Competition taking place Saturday March 7th at Alameda High School. We have 2 teams participating: Rising Stars/Early Learners (KG, 1st) 1:45 p.m.; Technical Challenge Creature Feature (3rd,4th,5th) 1:20 p.m. Fun to watch the competition – come out and support our teams.
- Science Fair (Cara Jakab for Robin Chalker & Liz Loya) Takes place on April 20th. There will be 2 or 3 workshops taking place.
- Social Hour (Andrea Tuitele) Taking place April 17th and still deciding on the location but considering the Mountain Tap (across from Tellers), Tellers, or Iron Rail.
- Spelling Bee (Jen Hess for Katie Bauer) Area Spelling Bee – had 3 students participate 1. Brady McDermott (4th), 2. Luxe Palmer (5th), 3. Sonja Morin (6th). The students did well, unfortunately PV did not make it on to the next level.
- Spring Fling (Jen Hess for Mike Schane) Taking place April 20th along with the Science Fair and the Great Cake Auction. Looking into using Sams or Costco vs. catering. He has contacted all his volunteers but will be posting in the Flash on Mar. 16th that he is still in need of more volunteers for set-up, clean-up and serving dinner.
- Yearbook (Cara Jakab for Samantha Torres) Pictures are needed and the deadline is Mar. 13th.

- Adjournment: 6:58 p.m.

Dates to Remember

March 23-30th – Spring Break

April 2nd – PTA Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

April 17th – Social Hour – 7:00 p.m.

April 20th – Spring Fling – 5:00-8:00 p.m.