

Prospect Valley PTA Meeting May 5, 2016 - General PTA Business Meeting 3PM

- Call meeting to order 3:08PM
- Welcome, Introductions, and Sign-In
- Erin Perrin started with the DC trip photos, some PV kids found family names on the Vietnam wall, the trip was very successful
- Review and approve minutes from April 2016

● Reports of Officers:

President's Report: (Jen Hess)

- Thank you and has been a pleasure being the PTA president
- giving campaign \$12,563.00 as of today, couple more weeks to give

President Elect: (Jeanne Sanchez)

- Thanks for snacks and for babysitting
- presents list of board members for next year

Vice President Report: (Mike Collins)

- Great field day today, Mrs. Squires was very creative with what was going on
- Tomorrow regular school day to make up for snow day
- The Master Plan is the big talk of the school district, pay attention to community meetings, at the very least, the Wheat Ridge meeting June 8th. This will give a better idea of what the plans are.
- This fall the district will be asking the voters for the bond to pass and get the money to facilitate this Master Plan
- email Mike if you have questions and he will try to get an answer for you asap
- it is the hiring season right now and just hired a new principal secretary to replace Janet, hired a new 6th grade teacher, very impressed with both new hires. Still need a new attendance secretary, Oksana is filling in at this point. Galmish is leaving and we need a new instructional coach, Galmish has been great, her shoes will be hard to fill
- Should have all hiring done by next week

Treasurer Report: (Kelli Swindle)

- Giving campaign has done well this month
- teachers have used much of their money this month for classroom support
- 6th grade continuation money has been used
- some unallocated funds were for the read at home program, but Mike Schane just turned in the receipts
- Kelli will be working full time now, so it may take a bit longer for her to get checks back to people

● Old Business:

- need to talk about unallocated funds
- we would be using the full \$7500.00 right now?
- Brenda Cross really wants new cots for clinic, we have had 3781 visits to the clinic this year, \$1511.00 for cots if she can get those approved

- Erin Perrin got the water bottle filler donated, we need \$700.00 to install the water bottle filler, that will be a nice upgrade. We would need to buy the filters, they are good for 200K fills
- Mark Reinert suggests bypassing the filter on the water and just use it without
- Wish list for technology, iPad for music and art, 5 desktops for library, 1 chrome book for each class, 1 laptop for grades k-2, 1 chrome book for each class k-6
- Amy O'Neill explains the need behind the technology requests
- Mark and Rachel Reinert are questioning why we can't know about these things ahead of time in order to get the requests from a fund established to take care of these items
- Mike says, nice for people to know what we are working for
- Rachel asks about the GT teacher and the reading tutor at the school, she found that they are no longer at the school for the past month because we are out of funds, increase the funds to keep these teachers longer
- Cara motions to approve the installation for the water bottle filler
- Cara suggests that we do pay for the cots
- More discussion of our budget carry over for next year
- technology gets 5K passed today

● New Business:

- auction will be the new money maker and the butter braids will go away
- not changing the technology budget
- spirit wear will come off of the budget for PTA, it is decided that should be school supported
- staff appreciation to be changed from teacher appreciation
- \$100.00 for read at home project was approved
- no classroom creations because of lack of participation with parents signed up, we will still try to get a person to chair that for next year
- big discussion regarding bringing back the silent auction. Amie Morozs would like to chair the auction, and give it a try again. the room is mixed on support for and against the auction coming back. it is agreed upon, but would need to eliminate one fund raiser to make it happen.

● Committee Reports:

Excel: (Jennifer Yates)

Excel grade level activity Jennifer explained the position and what the responsibilities would be

● Landscape: (Jodi)

Jodi will be leaving the school and we need to replace her

● Membership: (Heather Kennedy)

membership, heather Kennedy explains what is involved, include people, welcome people, ask to join PTA \$10.00 to join PTA and \$6.25 goes to the national level.

target gift card was offered to entice people to sign up. November 1st and February 1st make reports on membership.

said she has a lot of people that say they do not want to join

● Tickets for Time: (Jen Hess)

position is still open as well, need to have some data entry type skills, will contact other chairs to ask about tickets

● Yearbook: (Cara)

- Watchdog Dads: (Jen Hess)

We are looking for someone to chair or co-chair fro next year

- Hospitality: (Jeanne)

- Butter Braids: (Kelli)

sold 1101 units, gross profit WAS \$18,117.00 the total net proceed WAS \$7600.00, kid from each grade level got a \$20.00 gift card for top sales, and the 2 top classes got root beer float parties

great job Kelli

- Classroom Creations: (Jen)

will be sending a note to see if each class has someone for the classroom creation art will be bid on at the talent show

need to change dates on the website for the talent show regarding classroom creation

- Continuation: (Cara)

- handout regarding continuation. awesome committee of 10-12 people
- May 25th at 10AM outside on front lawn, and pool party at the Applewood Knolls pool
- 6th grade class gives a stained glass window for the school, that money comes from the rock fair
- thank you to the PTA for the \$1000.00 funding
- other gifts are given to the school and memory book is given out
- Sara is on the committee and a save the date was sent home today for this event

- Advocacy: (Michelle)

- 850 million dollar behind in student budgeting
- will be opportunity on ballot to lift the cap on the budgets for school funding
- Rachel Reinert asks what is the status of Park testing (is concerned about the funding that is going to big business on these tests)

you can hurt the schools funding on opting out of testing

less than 90% of kids opt out and then we lose funding, but until that point it is not lost

- DI: (Jodi)

teams competed and we have a 4th place and 3r place.

- Reading Challenge Week

- 1st week of may

- Science Fair: (Jen Hess)

- still in need of volunteers
- over 50 students participating

- Spring Fling: (Mike)

- Mike has a volunteer and also delivered a donation to the giving campaign
- cut off ticket sales today at noon,
- 218 dinners to 61 families
- need at least 1 more person to be sure he has help
- still needs 5:30-6PM time slot
- Jen offered to help serve at the spring fling, Mike says please be there on time to all volunteers
- Jeanne says she will be there to will both be in the same slot
- Mark Reinert mentions that he has offered numerous times to help Mike with Spring Fling
- Cupcakes again this year, and raises more money
- 25 cakes on the list for the cake auction

- Staff Appreciation: (Cara)

- Amie and I are providing staff the entire week with meals and gifts.

- * auction passed, so next year no butter braids.
- * Mark brought up a point about the auction that it would bring people together, and we could potentially recruit new volunteers there
- * Mike says we are a model for parent involvement, and the parents do so much for the school. support here is very strong compared to most of the other schools.
- * Jeanne says that she met a mom that said how much she loves the school and that it almost feels like a private school

adjourned 4:30 pm