

PROSPECT VALLEY PTA MEETING

January 12, 2023

3-4 PM



1. Call Meeting to Order- 3:01pm

- a. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes & Expense Request Update

(Rachelle Dodge)- All requested expenses were approved by electronic vote: Storage Bins for PTA (\$300), Floor Mats for Entryways in New School (\$2,879.22), Cafeteria Lunch Wagons (\$1,399.86), and Lawn Tractor Trailer for Grounds (\$300). Motion to pass December Minutes by: Christine Simpson; Seconded by: Andrea Thompson

3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)

- a. Budget Review- Teachers have started spending their allocated money so receipts are starting to come in for those; we have approximately \$25,000 in unallocated funds to be spent still for this school year.

4. President's Report (Kari Fragnoli)- Huge thanks to Mr. Schrant and the staff of PV for all their hard work with moving to the new building!

- a. December PTA Highlights- Thanks to 4th grade families for loading the lounge; Our December meeting was at Ester's and it was fun and delicious; Also, big thanks to all of the parents who are manning the crosswalk on 32nd; the holiday parties were all amazing- big thanks to all the room parents; huge thanks to Marycate, Hillary, Allison and Rachelle for helping clean out the PTA closet in the old building; our new murals were installed (funded by PTA last year)
- b. Joint PV & Kullerstrand Board Meeting- happening later this month and looking forward to making plans for the upcoming school year school merger
- c. Sourcing ideas for student appreciation- looking into ways to offer something fun for the kids to say thanks for hanging in there with all the construction mess and lack of outdoor play spaces. Looking to do this in the spring so they have something fun to look forward to, such as an all-school field trip. We have 425 students and no specific budget at this point but we do have a lot of money raised from the Fun Run that should be spent this school year. Ms. Eisinger suggested grade level activities (putt putt, Discovery Park, etc). Andy brought up the Enrichment Day that his last school offered and Mrs. Roberts had a similar suggestion. Kids might get to pick from a variety of "elective activities" for the outing that appeal to them. Sara True brought up perhaps having a weekly special outdoor time in the church parking lot, but Andy said the church could possibly have an issue with it. He will talk more about alternative play spaces later in the meeting. Leslie brought up renting a ninja course that we could have in the gym for a week, for example. This topic will be revisited soon!

5. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant)

- a. Ribbon Cutting / first week of school- Last Thursday, Jan 5th we had about 800-1000 people attend. The district leadership was impressed and loved the evening. Cara and Andy led another tour on Friday, Jan 6th. Monday was an info night here for prospective families with about 75 people attending. Also hosted 2 school tours yesterday. The 1st week of school has been great- still focusing on some of the move-in headaches and working with the contractors on last minute stuff. Big thanks to the staff and PV community.
- b. JeffCo Board Conversation on Expansion & Enrollment- Dec 15 Board meeting was a closed session but it was live streamed; Andy was not invited to the meeting. A few Board members made a motion to put a pause on our new building addition until we know what our enrollment numbers are at the beginning of February. Our superintendent has put a halt to the interior construction of the addition until those enrollment numbers come in. The contractor has continued to assure Andy that the work is moving along and everything will be ready by August because interior work will not even begin until this spring. Andy feels confident that everything will be fine and is not too worried. Leslie brought up, would it be helpful to write to the Board and express our concerns? Andy does not think it is really necessary, especially after speaking to Tracy Dorland this week. Andy's projection is 568 students for next year and feels that we will be ok with enrollment as well as the number of new classrooms in the building addition. This will be addressed further in the Accountability meeting next week. Additionally, they will discuss Staff Priorities at Accountability Meeting, especially: Manageable Class Sizes (21-23 for K-2 and 26-28 in 3-5); Avoiding Multi-Age Classrooms and getting Additional Administrative Support (we may be the 2nd largest elementary in the district next year) and we may need to add an Assistant Principal/Dean next year.
- c. Spring Outdoor Recess / Play Space- We will lose access to the north field the last week of February, so our current Hug and Go parking lane will be converted into a play space. We also have a vacant kindergarten classroom and the gym as play spaces we can use. Andy would like to get a group of parents and teachers together to brainstorm and come up with some creative ideas for recess. We'll be stenciling some activities on the blacktop in the Hug and Go zone, and the contractor will repave it for us after this school year. They are going to try and come up with some creative solutions to the mud; Andy will bring this up at the construction meeting next Thursday and see if we can maybe put something down temporarily.
- d. 2023-24 4th Specials Option- The teachers professional agreement with the district that says there must be 4 Specials teachers with the number of classes we will have though they must be one of the current Specials we offer (Art, Music, PE). We do not have the budget to hire another Specials teacher full-time so we would have a part-time teacher instructing in a classroom that might not be tailored to the class (art or music in a regular classroom, for example). Andy has put in a request to add an additional full time teacher in a different Specials subject, and it will hopefully be approved for hiring by February. He is hoping to add STEM as a special for next year. Will continue this discussion at the Accountability meeting.

- e. After School Care 2023-24- SAE capacity next year will be 160 students. Registration for SAE is 1/9-1/20 and we currently have 104 applicants. Pre-COVID rules will come back next year- if you don't use it, you will lose your spot. We have an average of 60-70 kids each day because families are not always using their spot. If you're currently approved for SAE at Kullerstrand, you will receive a place at PV.
- f. Mrs. Marvel contacted Andy last weekend and is resigning her position at PV so she can stay home and take care of her son, Patrick. Unfortunately, their family is in a challenging place right now due to his medical needs.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Nominating Committee & 2023-2024 open positions (Leslie Weinstein) - Shannon and Allison will work with Leslie on this committee to fill open positions for next school year. All committee roles and descriptions, as well as board descriptions will be available on the website. To name a few: Family and Staff support needs a shadow chair for next year because it is Christine's last year at PV. The new Diversity and Inclusion committee will need a chair for the future. We also have several committees that are chaired by upcoming 5th grade parents so we need shadows for next year (including Fun Run). Interested parents should send a message to prospectvalleypta@gmail.com for more details.
- b. Spelling Bee (Leslie Weinstein)- Written test will be next Tuesday (1/17) for all 4th and 5th graders during word study (in class). Written test qualifiers will be given a chance to accept their spot for the oral bee on 1/26. Study lists will be given out to qualifiers for the PV bee (the list consists of words kids may or may not see at the PV bee). Jeff Kent is the chair and will be looking for helpers to grade spelling tests and to help with the 1/26 oral spelling bee. Winners of the 1/26 bee will move onto district bee.
- c. Spirit Wear & After School Clubs (Cara Jakab)- Thanks for participating in the toy drive- we had 120 toys and 50 students were able to receive toys. An impressive 4,000 books were rehomed in the Book Blast before the move. The Kullerstrand family liaison will be meeting with Cara soon. The spirit wear store can be opened at any time, but the minimum order amount is pretty high so there needs to be a lot of interest before opening. Looks like there will be interest in ordering based on looking around the meeting room so Cara will proceed with opening it up soon. Current after school opportunities: Play On theater club, art club from Sweet Ridge, JOI club, Student Council, Mad Science and Lego club will be returning this spring.

7. Upcoming dates to remember:

- a. Accountability Meeting | January 19 @ 6PM
- b. Spelling Bee | January 26 @ 3PM
- c. Next PTA Meeting | February 2 @ 6PM
- d. OPEN ENROLLMENT CLOSES TOMORROW

8. Adjourn Meeting-

Attendance:

Rachelle Dodge

Leslie Weinstein

Kari Fragnoli

Hillary Joseph

Angie Gibson

Andy Schrant

Joey Audie

Madelaine DeVan

Isabel Everett

Allison Grigel

Teresa Woodhull

Celeste Cardoso

Sara Schalliol-Hodge

Naomi Poulin

Jenny Henderson

Ashley Palubinski

Samantha Walker

Brittney Kempf

Christine Simpson

Andrea Thompson

Jacqueline Roberts

Clare Eisinger

Amy O'Neill

Cara Jakab