

PROSPECT VALLEY PTA MEETING

February 2, 2022

6-7 PM



1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Welcome and introductions- 6:04PM; PV STAFF 2 truths and a lie- Kathleen Corley (5th grade); Alyson Harrell (4th grade); Alex Rossi (4th grade); Laurey Mattox (1st grade)

2. Approval of January Meeting Minutes (Rachelle Dodge)- Motion to approve January Minutes by Joey Audie; Seconded by Christine Simpson.

3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)- AmazonSmile is ending this month. :(Revenue for January includes \$18.75 in membership dues that were paid this month, expenses were just shy of \$6,000 (\$5,846.85). We still have about \$30k in funds available for the school year.

4. President's Report (Kari Fragnoli)

- a. January PTA Highlights- Sensory Path was installed in the primary wing, with some extra to be used in the intermediate area; Both Spelling Bees happened (PV and Wheat Ridge area); we had a very productive Accountability Meeting; We unloaded the PTA closet and Read at Home boxes, and Load the Lounge took place, courtesy of the 3rd grade families
- b. Embracing the New- We're in a new building with new technology and a new school full of students, and many new faces will be joining us next fall. If you know any Kullerstrand families or people with kids joining the PV community next school year, please try to reach out, welcome them to our community and invite them to join us to plan and get involved at PV.

5. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant)- Enrollment number for next school year as of right now is 577: Kinder- 68, 1st- 99, 2nd- 102, 3rd- 101, 4th- 98, 5th- 99. We will reopen choice enrollment later in February and will probably have more kinder spots offered. Still not sure how many kinder spots he will offer because some families who are new to having school age children do not know that they need to enroll their kinder kids in the winter (they have until Aug to do so). Andy will also be offering a few 4th/5th spots to bring those grade totals closer to 100 kids. All PV families have been confirmed for their plans for next year, still waiting to hear from some Kullerstrand families about where they will go. He would like to see 600 total enrolled but could possibly go up to 612 and be comfortable with class sizes and room in the school (including the addition). The addition is still a "go" at the size/configuration that was originally planned. 82% of Kullerstrand families are included in these numbers (meaning they took action and are not waitlisted at another school).

- a. Old building Demo & New Grounds Update- Demo begins 2/27. Andy is going to a traffic study meeting with the Cities of Wheat Ridge & Lakewood next week to discuss the future of traffic flow for the rest of this school year and beyond. He anticipates that there should not be any major traffic flow changes until the beginning of next school year. Gas line work on Quail was supposed to be finished last week, so we are hoping that wraps up ASAP and that will help things considerably. PV's new main entry and Hug and Go zone will be off of Parfet St starting in August. They are considering adding a special kinder/1st grade Hug and Go zone for dropping off the little kids. They also need to figure out if all southbound and northbound traffic can enter via Parfet or if we'll still need a separate entry off of Pierson for the northbound traffic. Refer to drawings in previous issues of the Flash for the new proposed Hug and Go, play structures, playing fields, outdoor classroom, etc. This plan is a work in progress and may change depending on the budget and how the district/city plans come along.
- b. Spring Recess Committee Update- North field will be gone by 2/24 and we will not have any grassy areas to play on for the rest of the school year. Our concrete plaza and the main Hug and Go zone will be the recess areas for the remainder of the school year. 4 Square, hopscotch, number grids and other paint will be applied to the Hug and Go zone. Futsal will be replacing soccer for recess on the plaza. Outside of Door 14 will be activities like jump rope, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, yard games, etc. Andy is considering the purchase of a portable ping pong table. Recess equipment will be stored in the open (currently unoccupied) kinder classroom. For indoor recess, kinder- 3rd will be able to use the gym. 4th and 5th cannot use the gym because of PE class during their recess time. We have 2 basketball hoops that Andy has asked the district to approve installing near Door 14. Tetherball was brought up as a possible portable recess option but there are concerns about the kids whipping the tetherballs around and getting hit, as well as the weighted base of the tether ball not being able to stand the powerful hits/swings of the older kids. The Gaga Ball pit might be used as a temporary barrier for the futsal court, and we may need parents to help move the barriers on a daily basis. They will be looking at a spot for where it can be put at the new school (not good on concrete). We are also going to talk to Mrs. Squiers to see what other PE resources she can lend to us for recess over the next few months. Any additional ideas about recess can be emailed to Andrea Thompson or Andy.

6. Committee Reports

- a. RAH (Renee McDermed)- Up and running officially! All the shelves were moved and the volunteers have gotten started. We have \$1,000 worth of new books that we are using this year. She was reminded that she has a \$100 budget for any additional supplies needed.
- b. Schoolwide Spring Event Update (Andrea Thompson)- Looking at 5/19 park play for the entire school and we will bus all the students. (Current front runner option is Clear Creek Park, but they also have back-ups in mind). The committee is currently getting pricing and will have another update next month.
- c. Spelling Bee (Leslie Weinstein)- The Bee was great! The WR Area Bee was here today. The area Champion speller is one of PV's 5th graders, Colton Williams! 3 of the 4 finalists were

PV kids. The next step is the State Spelling Bee on March 11th, and we have not had a PV kid in the State Bee in a long time. Congrats to Colton!

- d. Nominating Committee & 2023-2024 open positions (Leslie Weinstein)- Planning to have board nominations before the next meeting in March. Nominating committee is going to meet ASAP and if you are interested in being Secretary or President Elect, email prospectvalleypta@gmail.com. We are also looking for people to learn the ropes and get more involved next year so they can take over chairing committees the following year and beyond.
- e. Prospector Post (Hillary Joseph)- Kids, parents, grandparents can send mail to the kids at their classroom address. This program encourages kids to write and they really love getting mail. There will be weekly writing prompts that staff can work on with the kids in class. The mailbox has been rescued from the old building! The program will run Feb 21-March 16th. 4th and 5th grade students will collect, sort and deliver mail. We need postcard, notecard and envelope donations- please bring them to the office..
- f. PV Showcase (Hillary Joseph)- We are renaming our Spring Fling event to the PV Showcase. This will take place on 4/27 from 5:30-7pm and the night will consist of an art show, music/PE performance, science fair and dinner. Joey Audie generously offered to donate a banner to the school for the science fair (his company creates large format banners). Instead of the traditional fancy cake auction we have done at previous Spring Fling events, we are going to do a silent auction for cakes this year (someone mentioned we should put a rope or divider in front of the cakes to keep kids from messing with the frosting). We'll also have a BBQ dinner at the event for \$5 a person (no charge for those on free/reduced lunch) and there will be multiple time slots to choose from for dinner seating, so you can work around your child's performance time..
- g. Dance (Samantha Walker)- May 12- 5-8pm; This year's theme is Country Hoedown. We are looking for a DJ (would love a personal referral if possible). We're planning to do a photo booth where pics can be texted/emailed to families. She'd like to do a flash mob line dance! Alia Nicholson was nominated as the flash mob coordinator and Laurey Mattox volunteered to help! Food will be in the cafeteria, dancing in the gym, and a photo booth in the hallway. Samantha is looking for people to help in many areas; decorations to start. Please reach out to prospectvalleypta@gmail.com if you can help. She is also considering a petting zoo (Andy is looking into this option).

7. Upcoming dates to remember:

- a. President's Day No School | February 17th and 20
- b. PV Skate City Night | February 22
- c. Next PTA meeting | March 2 @ 3PM

8. Adjourn Meeting 7:08pm

Attendance:

Rachelle Dodge

Kari Fragnoli
Angie Gibson
Hillary Joseph
Andy Schrant
Joey Audie
Brittany Lacy
Christine Simpson
Samantha Walker
Aimee Dixon
Shannon Thomas
Andrea Thompson
Renee McDermed
Allison Grigel
Lori Strand
Kathleen Corley
Alex Rossi
Laurey Mattox
Lindsay Koller
Kristin Michie
Elena Stieve
Brittany Richardson
Kim Davis
Alexa Leuenberger
Isabel Pimentel
Marycate Brickey