

## PROSPECT VALLEY PTA MEETING

March 2, 2023

3-4 PM



### 1. Call Meeting to Order- 3:05pm

- a. Welcome and introductions- 4 staff members: Ms. Daughtery (3rd grade); Ms. Ferris (3rd grade); Mrs. Ramirez (2nd grade); Ms. Weis (1st grade)

### 2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve by Joey Audie; Motion seconded by Christine Simpson

### 3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)

- a. Budget Review- See treasurer's report for details.
- b. Expense Requests: Motion put to vote on all below items individually by Christine Simpson and seconded by Cara Jakab.
  - i. **Battle of the Books - \$60**- Additional funds to give winners a \$15 gift card to Barnes and Noble (instead of \$11 gift card)
  - ii. **Shed Request - \$3,000**- Ted Shed (district approved vendor) estimate for a 10' x 12' shed at the low end is \$2,800. They will be moving the old school's garden shed and Brittney's sheds to the concrete slab at the new school. Andy would like a new shed for housing PTA storage and additional school items. We do not have a basement or crawl space in the new building and we have net less storage in this building.
  - iii. **Spring Student Appreciation Event - \$6,000 max**- May 15 is the date selected to host an all school field trip to Clear Creek Valley Park- it has multiple fields, zipline, picnic shelters, etc. Students & staff will be transported by buses at 9:30am and delivered back to the school around 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to meet at the park; will likely request some chaperones to help keep an eye on everyone in an official capacity. The funds requested will cover the park & facilities, transportation, snacks, italian ice truck, nerf battle zone. Looking to have approval to spend a maximum of \$6,000 (\$1,000 per grade level) but anticipating we will come in less than that. With current projected expenses, this will come out to \$11 per student on this schoolwide field trip. All teachers, staff and students will be going to the park field trip.
  - iv. **DC Chaperone Fee - \$570**- Eighteen 4th/5th graders are heading to DC this spring. We do not have enough students going to get a second chaperone covered by the travel company. Ms. Corley has offered to go as a second chaperone, but Ms. Eisinger is asking for the PTA to cover the expense. There are additional families who have expressed interest in going on this trip and if 2 more to commit, this chaperone fee could be reduced and/or eliminated altogether. There was discussion around whether this cost should actually be passed on to the families whose children are traveling? Andy offered to pay for the chaperone fee out of his principal's priorities budget from PTA (he currently has about \$580 remaining of his allocated \$1,000).

- v. **DC Shirt - \$232-** In previous years, the school principal had the budget to purchase t-shirts for the group, but it isn't in the cards this year. Ms. Eisinger is asking for these shirts to keep the group together and safe during travel. Andy proposed we have families pay for their own t-shirts.

#### 4. **President's Report** (Kari Fragnoli)

- a. February PTA Highlights- Colton Williams went to the Colorado Spelling Bee; thank you to all the room parents for the Valentine's parties; we hosted Skate City night for 124 kiddos and it was awesome; Prospector Post is up and running; and the Load the Lounge was another success. We have had 2 productive joint board meetings with the Kullerstrand PTA board.
- b. Sourcing help on Consolidation Committees- Please email [prospectvalleypta@gmail.com](mailto:prospectvalleypta@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping out.
  - i. **Spring Mixer-** PV and Kullerstrand families getting together to socialize before the end of the school year.
  - ii. **Blending Communities Brainstorming-** A group to plan summer activities and back to school events to get a chance for the kids/families to get to know each other and ease the transition.

#### 5. **Principal's Report** (Andy Schrant)

- a. Hiring Update- JeffCo offered an hiring event for licensed/contracted employees from closing schools. Each employee was able to choose 5 schools in which they wanted to interview. Andy and a committee of PV staff participated in a hiring event with 73 schools to meet with those that listed PV as one of their choices. They met with a lot of great candidates and made offers last week. The responses are still coming in and as of today they have hired a teacher for each grade with the exception of 4th. Due to several shifts in current staffing (one year contracts, leave of absence, internal job changes, etc) he has had to shuffle some positions. One of these positions has resulted in a search for two fifth grade teachers, as Ms. Corley will be our new STEM teacher this Fall. He has also filled several non-teacher positions and is looking for a few more including learning specialists. Tommy Chase has been promoted to Dean. Andy will give additional updates in the Flash on Monday.
- b. Security/Swatting Issues- JeffCo was not directly impacted by the situation a few weeks ago, but around the state there were prank calls/ threats at many schools. He does not have too much more info about that because we were not directly impacted. The situation on the PV campus a few weeks ago was resolved after putting the school on a secure hold and details about that situation were sent out to families the day of that event.
- c. Spring Recess Update- Tomorrow (3/3) is the last day we have use of the north field. Over the weekend the entire old building will be fenced off and the new building will only be accessed via Quail and Pierson. There was a sledding incident where a student was hurt, so sledding will not be returning to PV. Starting on Monday, the plaza area and hug and go zone will be the recess space. Futsal court will be taped off and marked over the weekend, and the hug and go zone will be painted for foursquare. We will have yard games, hula hoops, hopscotch, sidewalk chalk and more sedentary activities closer to the building.
- d. TRAILS Program Overview- TRAILS is the name of the Affective Needs program coming over from Kullerstrand. These are students who have a Social Emotional IEP. There are 2 teachers

(K-2 and 3-5) each with 1.5 para professionals plus their own mental health personnel. The TRAILS program uses terminology related to climbing a mountain to describe where students are in their journey. The “basecamp” students need the most support and they spend most of their time in their AN classroom- this is most of the k-2 kids. All students, no matter where they are on the “trail” will have specials and recess/lunch with their grade level (along with their para professionals). The older kids (grades 3-5) will spend some of the day with others in their grade level but might need to go back to “basecamp” as needed. Their classrooms will be located in the new addition (along with 5th grade, STEM and an open classroom/flex space). Tommy Chase’s office and the 3rd learning specialist will also be located in the building addition. Current PV students will not be admitted into the TRAILS program unless they qualify for a center-based IEP.

- e. 4th specials option (STEM)- We have gotten approval for the 4th special: STEM. Despite Andy’s request to get a closing school’s STEM classroom set up, we have not yet been approved by the district to get the furniture/equipment/etc to outfit the STEM lab. Andy is hoping to carry over some of this year’s budget to do that. Furniture will be provided by the district as part of the building addition’s budget, but it is not specific for STEM, so looking ahead Andy may be asking for funding for the STEM classroom.

## **6. Committee Reports**

- a. Nominating Committee (Leslie Weinstein)- The committee has been talking to a few people who are interested in board positions for next year. We are going to postpone our vote for new officers until April to discuss the candidates in order to allow extra time for any Kullerstrand families who have shown interest in these positions.
- b. Volunteer Award (Cara Jakab)- This award has been around since 1987 to thank our volunteers and inspire parent leaders to continue to be leaders in the community. The first step is to nominate people who are in their last year at PV (5th grade families) and then we will vote on who to recognize for this school year. To nominate someone, reach out to Cara Jakab or [prospectvalleypta@gmail.com](mailto:prospectvalleypta@gmail.com) with names.

## **7. Upcoming dates to remember:**

- a. Community Conversation with Tracy Dorland - March 6
- b. International Night - March 9
- c. Science Fair & Art Contest Deadline - March 10
- d. Spring Conferences - March 14 & 15
- e. K-2 Spring Author Visit - March 15
- f. No School Spring Break - March 17-24
- g. Next PTA Meeting - April 6 @ 3PM
- h. Accountability Meeting - April 13 @ 3PM
- i. PV Showcase - April 26 - NEW DATE
- j. No School District-Wide teacher work day - April 28

## **8. Adjourn Meeting 4:11pm**

## **Attendance**

Rachelle Dodge

Kari Fragnoli

Angie Gibson

Hillary Joseph

Andy Schrant

Leslie Weinstein

Christie Lanyon

Joey Audie

Teresa Woodhull

Ashley Palubinski

Christina Heard

Allison Grigel

Ryan Dougovito

Moniquea Reef

Sara True

Roxanne Barker

Kerry Daugherty

Sidney Ferris

Dawn Ramirez

Clare Eisinger

Lori Strand

Alicia Marsicovetere

Andrea Thompson

Sara Schalliol-Hodge

Cara Jakab

Christine Simpson

Natalie Nix

Caitlin Gindi

Shannon Thomoas

Kim Davis

Brittany Richardson

Kristen Hume

Alia Nicholson

Amy Carmack