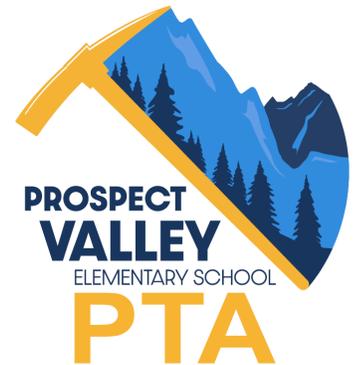


PROSPECT VALLEY PTA MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2022

3-4PM



1. Call Meeting to Order- 3pm- (Kari Fragnoli)

Welcome and introductions- Thank you for coming! PV Staff 2 Truths and a Lie- Jessica DiCroce, Amy O'Neill, Amy Carmack, Britney Anderson, Meghan Sell. PTA Board introductions; PTA round the room introductions.

2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes (Rachelle Dodge)

Quick update on voting results from the October meeting: New Bylaws were approved; Expenditure requests for Brain Pop subscription (\$405); Battle of the Books (\$180) and Tutor Allocation (\$300) all PASSED. **Motion to approve October minutes by Laura Clase; Seconded by Allison Grigel.**

3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)

- a. Budget Review- Fun Run crushed it- more on that later, only about 1% of total raised went to expenses and about 9% went to prizes; \$10,000 tech money went to school and \$11,000 corporate sponsorship revenue was paid to the school as well (checks have not been cashed yet).
- b. Expense Request: Walkie Talkies for PV. Mr. Schrant is asking for \$3,600 for 10 Walkie Talkies- we currently have 14 in the school and only about ½ of them are working consistently. Would like to order ASAP if we can approve the expense. Incredibly important tool for both communication and safety. These are digital, durable walkie talkies. **Motion to vote by Alia Nicholson, seconded by Laura Clase.**

4. President's Report (Kari Fragnoli)

Highlight amazing October PTA successes: Fun Run, Walk to School, Teacher conference dinners, Read at Home program, Reflections Art Open Studio, Teacher Wish List is updated and will be on the PTA website soon, Halloween Parties. Thank you to all volunteers and chairs!!! Gave a reminder to upload your yearbook images as the school year goes on so we have an amazing yearbook this year. Fifth Grade Open Enrollment: coming up in December; you must participate whether you are going to your home school or choice-ing into another school. Most area middle schools are having info nights and tours now or very soon. PV parents of middle schoolers are participating in a conversation next Wednesday night at 6pm to talk about their experiences at various middle schools and will be available to answer questions.

5. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant)

PV's new secretary, Danielle, is going to be working on getting the PTA funds deposited ASAP so we have everything we need for the new school. The fundraising in this community has been amazing and he is grateful for the support. Now that he is not doing his job, plus his secretary's job, he has had a chance to

observe more classes. Our staff here at PV is incredible. Ms. Ferris (new 3rd grade teacher) is rocking it and as a rookie teacher, he is really impressed. He also had a chance to observe Ms. Corley's math class which really impressed him. He is grateful for this community and the families, and the beautiful little people here. The School Board will be voting on the school consolidation proposal 11/10. If the board votes to approve consolidation, he will be meeting with the staff at Kullerstrand next Friday. December 1st will be an open house night- 5:30-6:30 for Kullerstrand families to come to learn more about PV and meet our staff. This may be inclusive to other families looking to choice into PV for next school year (decision will be made on that soon). Looking into the new year, January 5th will be the open house/ribbon cutting event for our new PV building. First day in the new school for existing PV students is 1/9. On 11/28 we'll have an event- We Treasured the Time- for Alumni here at PV so they can come and say good-bye to PV's old building. The current students will have a similar event during the school day on 11/28. They have broken ground on the addition, but not doing anything irreversible until 11/11. He is still looking at the possibility of adding a 4th Specials class for next year, but there is specific language about what is required at elementary level for specials (only Art, Music and PE) and he is unsure of what the new space/budget will allow us to add for next year. We are also waiting on student numbers from Kullerstrand and PV families which are returning so we can project the student count accurately. Breaking news: we will NOT have a preschool at PV next year if consolidation is approved on 11/10. Andy strongly advocated not to have the preschool here because of the additional staffing needed and the extra space we needed to absorb Kullerstrand- which would leave us with only one classroom available (not 2 preschool classes as originally planned for PV). Question from Andrea- What will the proposed preschool playground be if we don't have preschool? Andy: We will turn it into a smaller/younger child focused playground with equipment geared towards younger students.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Membership** -Rachelle Dodge- 6 new members since the October meeting (3 parent/guardians, 3 staff); There is still time to join for this school year and have your voice heard in how our fundraising dollars are spent! If you have not joined yet, come see Rachelle after the meeting and she can help you. Also, if you are not receiving your emails to vote for PTA expenditure requests and other issues, see her after the meeting to see if we have the correct email address for your membership. Because of the clunkiness of PayPal interface/reporting and cost associated with payment processing, we are going to try out MemberHub. We've had good luck with them the past 3 years as the platform for the Fun Run and Colorado PTA uses MH for everything membership related. Additionally, MH allows us to have the person buying the membership pay the credit card processing fees, so we won't have that additional expense going forward. This is a good time to test the new platform because membership sales typically slow down for the rest of the year, and we can fix any bugs before the 2023-2024 school year. We'll update the website with this new link to join soon.
- b. **Fun Run Update** (Fun Run Team)- Thank you to volunteers, staff, students and families! We raised over \$67,000- 167% of our \$40,000 goal. Rossi's class won the Golden Shoe! Splash the Staff was last Friday during Field Day- 330 Students raised at least \$25 for the school

(78% of the entire school population). Because we smashed the fundraising goal as a school, we gave all students in the school 1 bonus throw, so ALL kids got a chance to throw at least one bag at the target and splash the staff.

7. New Business

- a. Kullerstrand Consolidation Hearing Update (Hillary Joseph)- Attended the public hearing on 10/24 about the potential consolidation of schools. This is a very emotional process for the families that might be losing their school: the culture, community events and more. We need to be really sensitive about the transition, should it be approved next week. Their main concerns with consolidation are: traffic on Quail, 32nd, Parfet; nervous that preschool would not be available (they currently have a waitlist for their preschool); anxious that PV will be too big (600 students!) and won't feel as welcoming/inclusive as a community; concerned that future population growth is not being considered in projection of future school age students; Girls on the Run is a current club at Kullerstrand that they do not want to lose; and The TRAILS program (Affective Needs) is so transformative and impactful. They are uneasy about it moving to PV and how it might change. They are also concerned about their dedicated, highly tenured staff, and they are concerned about what will happen to the staff and the community. Question for Andy- what is the max student body where you have served as principal? Mecklejohn Elementary at one point had 670.
- b. Destination Imagination (Kari Fragnoli)- STEAM program for K-12, groups of 2-7 students compete together in Project Based learning. The program is student led and parent supervised. It runs November-February with a regional competition. Mentioning this now to see if any parents would be interested in looking into this more for the 2023-2024 school year. Email prospectvalleypta@gmail.com if you're interested in either leading teams or chairing the committee. It may be a good program to brainstorm over the next few months so we can find a way to make it less labor intensive for people to take on. For reference, this used to be called *Odyssey of the Mind* and before that it was called *Olympics of the Mind*.
- c. Load the Lounge- November 11 is our first one of the year and 5th grade families are leading the charge this month. Collecting food/beverage and monetary donations. All grade levels will get a chance to have a turn to load the lounge.
- d. Teacher (classroom) Wish Lists are LIVE!
- e. Reminder: Accountability Meeting - November 17- Main topic will be the Kullerstrand consolidation and PV social media presence
- f. Reminder: Next meeting December 8 @ 6PM (possible new location with adult beverages for socialization after business is conducted!)- please email prospectvalleypta@gmail.com if you have any suggestions on where we can hold the meeting that is quiet enough for conducting some business.

8. Adjourn Meeting- 4:05pm

Attendance

Rachelle Dodge
Kari Fragnoli
Angie Gibson
Andy Schrant
Leslie Weinstein
Allison Grigel
Jessica DiCroce
Alia Nicholson
Hillary Joseph
Sara Schalliol-Hodge
Amy O'Neill
Amy Carmack
Brittany Anderson
Kim Davis
Caitlin Gindi
Moniquea Reef
Isavel Everett
Camila Pineda
Lori Strand
Meghan Sell
Alicia Marsicovetere
Ashley Palubinski
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