

Prospect Valley PTA November 7th, 2013 General Business Meeting 7:00 - 8:15

- I. Call meeting to order: 7:00 pm
- II. Welcome, introductions and sign in
Cara read "Thank you" poem and thanked parents for all that parents do. Sign in list pass around. Cara thanked parents and staff for attending our first evening meeting in 6 years. We hope that it provides an opportunity for those to be involved and participate who can't make an afterschool meeting.
- III. Reading and approval of the October minutes: Motion made and passed to approve the minutes.
- IV. Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakab): Thank you to all who had a large or small role in our events since the last meeting: Walk to School Day (over 185 participants), food for Fall Conferences, Gold Rush, Track and Field Day (refreshments), Hearing and Vision (refreshments), Halloween parties and parade.
 - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Kelly Derosier wants to be sure that all handouts get to the Secretary. We will be sending home a 6th grade babysitting note in next week's Monday folder looking for more babysitters for the PTA meetings. For December, Jaggar and Dylan will babysit, Melissa Anderson for adult snack, and Corrine Christian for kid snack.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): Mike is at a last-minute school board meeting. Dr. Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent of Jeffco Schools, just submitted her resignation; it is effective as of Jun 30. Mr. Collins arrived. The staff completed first set of "instructional rounds;" 10 experts from the Admin Building teamed up with teachers and observed each class. They were watching for teachers' use of strategies to have students use higher order of thinking and pursue/demonstrate depth of knowledge. PV will have two of these rounds this year. Staff received positive feedback; Mike will have more staff development on how to challenge kids with higher levels of thinking. Successful Field Day thanks to Ms. Mattsen. Great Halloween. In general, PV has very few behavior problems; he spends very little time on discipline problems. Great to see how the treat each other, new kids, etc. Tonight's school board meeting: Cindy Stevenson resigning. Jeffco has decided to scrap In Bloom. They will look for local data storage.

Four teachers would like to go to GT Conference in December (Reyell, Vickery, Rutledge, Galmish). \$229 per person one day. Mike asked the

PTA to pay for the training. The school will pay the sub time. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to fund the excess over the \$700 already in the budget for teacher support. These teachers will share what they learned with the staff. In the future, we could look at what we can do to have more GT opportunities; new teacher endorsements? adjust schedule? At this point, keep training our teachers in how to challenge kids. Work toward endorsed teacher in each grade? Staff development time is limited, but we will find time to work more on this.

- Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy and Heidi Olivera): See October Treasurer's Report. Adjusted Capital Campaign and Membership numbers from last month's report. \$23,213.07 in checking.

- V. Technology Update: Jennifer Hess presented Amy O'Neill's update: PV is scheduled for April wireless update to double capacity. In the meantime, we should get another lower capacity hub in the 6th grade area to support our immediate WiFi needs.
- VI. Old Business: Capital Campaign: Second phase/push underway. Since Monday, we have received another \$820. Includes an employer-matching donation. Check with your employer for matching opportunities.

Specials rotations: Some parents have expressed concern with the 2-day Specials rotations this year (mainly because students have 4 school days in a row without PE). Per Mike, we won't be changing this year. The new schedule supports music and art to be able to have kids 2 days in a row for continuity on projects. Please discuss with Mike if you have feedback for next year. Teachers are incorporating Brain Breaks to help keep the students active in the classroom.

- VII. New Business: Mrs. Becker: Attended a district health and wellness workshop as part of our grant (last 3 years). Training teachers on how to increase physical activity throughout the day. Presented video on Colorado Legacy Foundation Health and Wellness (<http://colegacy.org/category/videos/#prettyPhoto>). If it is your passion to help with health and wellness, contact Mrs. Becker. Research for free assembly? She has visions of an afterschool club for physical activity, maybe jump roping? Running mileage club at recess?

Continuation: 6th grade ceremony "graduation." Denise Miller is heading up this year's committee. Continuation includes pool party at Applewood Knolls (\$450). Working on getting donations for food. Memory book for each student (initial estimate is \$650). Requested a \$250 increase over the \$1000 budget. What is the proper amount to spend? Last year, budget was \$1000; previous 3 years, it was \$1500. Budget was decreased last year mainly in response to staff survey of

PTA funding priorities. Several expressed concern over increasing the budget at this time. Suggestion was made that the committee firm up numbers, try to get discounted or donated printing, and get 6th grade parent monetary donations. Denise will come back to the PTA in January once the planning numbers are firm.

VIII. Reports of Committees

- Advocacy Update (Rebekah Brown): No update
- Business Directory/Student Directory (Colleen Emory): Printing next week.
- Carnival (Laura Sicard): Feb 7; Amie Morozs is co-chair. Varsity and JV Cheers and Poms (35) from WRHS will be volunteering that night. Still need help with advance ticket sales. Denise Miller volunteered. Middle school siblings can volunteer.
- Cartridge Recycling (Kimberly Route): PV is one of the top producers for the Cartridges for Kids program.
- Destination Imagination (Jennifer Pollock): We are having a great start. Four teams have coaches. Looking for a k/1 coach. Not a 6th grade team this year. K/1, K/1 without coach; 2/3; 4/5; 5. Jeffco tournament Mar 1. Consider signing up to appraise at a DI tournament—incredibly rewarding.
- Gold Rush (Brenda Ritz): Great day! Raised almost \$9K. 464 registrations (compared to Farmers' 515). Thanks for all of the many volunteers. Cara Jakob has agreed to co-chair next year. Being there that day and watching the kids cheering everyone on and to see their excitement makes all of the work worth it. A few committee spots open; will start recruiting next month.
- ExCEL (Jennifer Yates): No update
- Hospitality (Jeanne Sanchez and Monica Shanley): In a welcome lull after a busy October. Provided refreshments for those conducting the hearing and vision screening and Field Day. Teacher conference dinners went well.
- Membership (Becca Higgins): 190 members; never too late to become a member!
- Original Works (Heather McNurney): No update
- Reflections (Tracy Langworthy): Tomorrow is the Reflections reception and ceremony.
- Room Parents (Janene Martinsen): Thank you to all room parents. Halloween parties were great. Remember, no goodie bags at parties. Run plans by the teachers about 2 weeks before the parties.

- Social Hour (Andrea Tuitele): Nov 21, Colorado Plus upstairs, 7 p.m.; \$100 rental fee; everyone will order and pay for their own food/drinks. Love to see lots of parents attend!
- Walk to School Day (Tracy Langworthy and Sarah Reeves): 187 kids participated
- Watch Dog Dads (Veronica McDonough): Steve Harris: We supported four October school events: Walk to School with 6 dads; Gold Rush with 5 dads and coordinated with WR Police; Field Day with 5 dads; Halloween parties with 5 dads. Three new dads signed up this month; gaining momentum. A WatchDOG was at school almost half the school days in October.

We will be honoring Lynn Christensen and Kathy Haswell during the 3rd/4th grade musical daytime performance for their years of service.

IX. Adjournment: 8:15

Dates to Remember

November 14th - Musical Performance for 3rd and 4th

December 4th - Early release - 12:15

November 21st - Social Hour - 7:00-10:00 p.m.

December 5th - PTA Meeting - 3:00 p.m.

November 22nd - Aluminum Recycling

November 25 - No school - Teacher Comp Day

November 26-29th - No school - Thanksgiving Break