

Prospect Valley PTA November 6th, 2014 General PTA Business Meeting 7:00-8:15p.m.

- Call meeting to order - 7:00 p.m.
- Welcome, Introductions, and Sign In
- Reading and approval of the October 2014 minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakab) : PTA is here to support teachers to teach and love our children. Our school psychologist had her baby boy. While she is out we have a temporary filling in, Paula Seagull, a social worker.
 - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Thanks to those who brought snacks for today's meeting and those who babysat. Passed around sign- up sheets for snacks and babysitting volunteers for our PTA meetings.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): We had great Halloween parade and parties – lots of fun for the kids. We have a new school choir for grades 2-6, Mrs. Larsen is heading it up. Kindergarten information night is taking place next Thursday 11-13 at 6:00 p.m. We currently have a fill-in facilities manager (Thai) who is doing a great job. Our Reflections ceremony was a great event, Serene Wardinsky was in charge. We have some tutors helping at our school: Diane Howie who used to be in book publishing and is working with our 6th grade writers. Dr. Braden, retired pediatrician – working with 2nd graders. WRHS National Honor Society wants to help out at our school again – working on setting this up. Tuesday 11-11 have our second Instructional Rounds where we will be working on learning targets. We have been giving lots of school tours for people interested in PV.
 - Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy): Savings account was closed and merged the funds with the general account to spend down. Review of the current budget.
Discussion of ideas on possible ways to spend the \$2500 from savings account. **1.** Mr. Collins requested \$2400 to provide 2 more half day substitutes for our 24 teachers so that they can meet with their team and do planning through the end of the year. **2.** Wellness Committee (Becky Gennerman-Schroeder) presented 2 ideas – **2a.** Request for \$200 to bring in a program by the organization “Kid Power” to our school. They teach an abuse prevention/anti-bullying component to kids. It's a 4 hour session broken down into 2 – 2hr consecutive sessions offered to grades KG- 5th grade. Teaches kids how to defend themselves in a verbal way and the session would service 25 kids (and their parent can attend). We would need the gym and a snack provided for the sessions. The typical charge is \$32/child – if PTA contributed \$200, then it would bring the cost down to \$24/child. Sign up could be on a first come -first served basis with a wait list for any cancellations. Discussion was held regarding the limited class size and the cost going up if more than one session was offered. **2b.** Start a recess running club 1-2 days per week at lunch recess open to all grades. (doing it at recess makes it more inclusive) Kids who participate could receive a stamp or punch card for running. When they reach a certain amount of time or

distance they could get a prize (i.e. foot charm, name on the wall in recognition, name read at announcements). This would require a volunteer to help run the program and someone at recess to monitor those running. Cost of the foot charms is not known but Becky estimated \$100 for the program. Mrs. Monaco mentioned that Watch Dog Dads might be able to help with the program and monitoring kids while they run at recess. **3.** Jennifer Yates presented for Shelly Sherrill – Request for 5th grade Excel program to bring in a health presenter from DMNS to cover the growing and changing unit. The cost of the speaker is \$300 so they would need an additional \$50 to cover the cost. Point was mentioned to ensure the speaker would be approved through Jeffco. Discussion was held that if more money was given for one grade’s Excel program maybe we should increase for all programs. Point was mentioned that is changing the budget after it was already approved at the beginning of the year. **4.** Jeanne Sanchez mentioned Master Achievement Martial Arts coming in through the PE program offering kids 6 classes for \$20 and every dollar spent on classes they donate back into our Wellness Program. This could work in conjunction with the Kid Power program the Wellness Committee presented.

- **Motion was made and approved to reduce our carry forward amount from \$15,000 to \$10,000.**
 - **Motion was made and approved to give \$2000 for substitutes for teachers for planning.**
 - **Motion was made and defeated to give Wellness Committee \$200 for Kid Power.**
 - **Motion made and tabled for January meeting to give \$50 to 5th grade Excel program to bring in DMNS speaker.**
 - **Motion made and defeated to increase all grades Excel funds by \$50 to \$300.**
- Old Business – Giving Campaign (Cara Jakab) \$8000 has been made to date with our Giving Campaign. Reminder that if every family gave \$60 we would meet our \$25,000 goal. Remember to ask about employer matching gifts. Cara mentioned that there would be another push for the Giving Campaign beginning the week of Nov. 17th.
 - Applewood Baptist Church is continuing their backpack of food over the weekend for families in need.
 - We are still in need of a Family Support chairperson. We have 3 families in need who are currently being taken care of.
 - Reports of Committees
 - Business Directory/Student Directory (Colleen Emory) We have 25 ads in the directory. We will receive 250 directories, which are at the printer.
 - Destination Imagination (Jen Hess read update from Debbie Simpson) We have 3 teams this year with 14 members. Cost to register is \$90 for non-competitive teams and \$120 for the competitive teams totaling \$330 to register all the teams. The cost is \$75 per team to compete. March 7 is the Jeffco Regional tournament.
 - Gold Rush (Ben Leroux): Race had a great turnout and thank you to all the volunteers. \$11,800 was made at the race, last year we made \$8000. Gold Rush

trophy for class with the most registrations was a tie between Tharp and Ramirez (16 registrants each).

- Hospitality (Jeanne Sanchez) In Oct. we helped with: popsicles at Track & Field day, and Fall Conferences we had a soup and salad potluck for the teachers which was much appreciated by the teachers and went smoothly.
- Membership (Cara Jakob for Becca Higgins) We currently have 185 members including staff. (177 last year)
- Original Works (Cara Jakob for Heather and Holly) Went well, money earned goes towards PV art program.
- Read At Home Program (Cara Jakob for Mike Schane) update to come in December.
- Reflections (Cara Jakob for Serene Wardinsky) We have 20 kids participate and 9 are going on to the district competition.
- Room Parents (Cara Jakob) Keep parties simple with no gift bags, party favors or balloons sent home with kids. Don't want people to feel like they can't keep up with the next year.
- Social Hour (Cara Jakob for Andrea Tuitele) Nov. 15th will be the next Social Hour at The Office at 7:00 p.m..
- Walk to School Day (Cara Jakob for Sarah Reeves, Mari Runge, Jill Jackson) Great to see all the students who participated by walking, riding, or scootering to school.
- Watch Dog Dads (Cara Jakob for Veronica McDonough) Steve Harris is an outgoing parent this year and we would like to line someone up who will take over next year. It would be great for them to be able to shadow Steve before taking over.
- Welcoming (Cara Jakob for Alisha Neal) Responsible for welcoming new PV families.

- Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 13th: 6:00 p.m. New Kindergarten Info. Night

Nov. 15th: 7:00 p.m. Social Hour - The Office on 38th Ave.

Nov. 20th: 3rd & 4th Grade Musical Performance

Nov. 21st: Aluminum Recycling

Nov. 24th - 28th: Happy Thanksgiving - No School

Dec. 3rd: 12:15 p.m. Early Release

Dec. 4th: PTA Meeting