

Prospect Valley PTA October 2nd, 2014 General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15p.m.

- Call meeting to order - 3:00 p.m.
- Welcome, Introductions, and Sign In
- Reading and approval of the September 2014 minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakab) : September was busy and things were in full swing. We've had the School Dance, Special Person's Day, Watch DOG Dad's kick-off meeting. Thanks to everyone who has helped to get our year started off and going in full swing.
 - President Elect's report (Kelly Derosier for 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 have the Type Off Challenge taking place from October 6-30th. We are busy promoting the upcoming Gold Rush race on Oct. 12th. We have a track meet on Oct. 6th at the Kipling Stadium. We have promoted from within and hired Janet Ross (the new Attendance Secretary) to now be the Principal/Financial Secretary. We are now looking to fill the Attendance Secretary position. We had instructional rounds last Wed. with our Leadership Team. We will have a fill-in Facility Manager over the next couple of weeks. We should have a new part-time Special Education teacher in the next couple of weeks as well.
 - Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy): Review of the current budget. The Carnival shows a negative number because we have not made any income yet and we've had to pay some money out. Ending balance of \$20,153.53 in our checking and a balance of \$2517.97 in our Savings Account (saved as emergency reserves). \$16K is still needed to meet this budget for the remainder of the year. Regarding the Savings/Emergency funds acct. - according to Jeffco PTA, we do not need to have emergency reserves. This account was originally set up several years ago to help us save money for a playground fund. Each year they bought a big piece of equipment. When the playground was as it is now, they saved the remaining amount to be in an emergency fund. So, should we spend down some of this carry over money to benefit kids now rather than saving it for later date? Discussion was held on this and some ideas presented were: art supplies for classrooms, marquee in front of school fixed/replaced, paying salaries, paying paras, substitute pay for teachers to visit other teachers... **Motion made to close the savings account and merge the funds with the general account to**

spend down. Motion approved. Decided to bring ideas to November PTA meeting to propose how to spend down emergency funds. (Mr. Collins mentioned that Janet Ross would be in place as Principal/Financial Secretary by that time which would be helpful.)

- New Business - (Mr. Krapfl - 2nd grade) We have been working to support our GT kids and higher readers and working with Lisa Palmer (new GT para) to help challenge kids. We are missing the internal resources to help teachers support these kids. Junior Great books is one tool they use, but the 2nd grade level of these books are 20 years old. We would like to request \$400 for the year to purchase Junior Great books at the second grade level. This would include 10 student sets and a teacher guide. The Junior Great books are common core aligned, they include enrichment activities and the use of technology. **Motion made to spend \$400 to purchase new 2nd grade Junior Great books. Motion passed.** Mr. Krapfl will also address this at their next staff meeting to see if other grades need upgraded Junior Great books, and also discuss if this is the best tool for the higher readers. (maybe check with the main Jeffco GT office to see if that's what they recommend or what other schools use.)
 - Spirit Wear has been passed out
 - Discussion held on No Stopping/Parking signs on Parfet. Question was asked if these were Wheat Ridge city signs or school signs? Discussed making one big hug and go lane and reinforce for a couple of weeks to ensure everyone complies.
- Reports of Committees
 - Reflections (Serene Wardinsky) We have 25 kids signed up to participate. Oct. 20th artwork is collected and will be shown in our hallways. Nov. 8th will be the Jeffco viewing.
 - Destination Imagination (Debbie Simpson) Thanks again for supporting our participation in the Global Competition last year. We are starting registrations for DI this year. There are 7 challenges to choose from as well as an early learners challenge. DI is run by parent volunteers. We are expecting 3-5 teams this year. We still need help managing teams. There is an informational meeting on October 7th for those wanting to learn more about DI or are interested in managing a team.
 - Advocacy (Melissa Anderson) Provided fact sheet on Amendment 68 and encouraged parents to get informed in preparation for voting.
 - Business Directory/Student Directory (Colleen Emory) Information is due Oct. 7th to be in the directory. If you have selected "OK" in Jeffco Connect giving permission to publish your info. in the directory in the past, you don't have to do it again.
 - Dance (Kelly Derosier for Amie Morozs, Lori Fugate, Monica Shanley) Dance went well and had a good turnout. The addition of the photo booth seemed

to be fun for kids. Feedback was given regarding how loud the music was - and if we could try and have it a little quieter next year.

- Gold Rush (Sara True for Brenda Ritz): Early registration ends Friday Oct. 3rd - where you get a cheaper rate and are guaranteed a shirt. We are on track for sponsorship dollars. If you aren't able to participate, you can still make a donation or do "sleep-in" for the race. We have more corporate sponsors this year than we have ever had.
- Grandparents/Special Person's Day (Jennifer Yates) This was a huge success and we had a great turnout for the event. It was helpful having people lead the visitors to the classrooms they were visiting. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event.
- Hospitality (Cara Jakab for Jeanne Sanchez & Monica Shanley) Upcoming events we will be helping with: Track & Field day in Oct. we will be providing popsicles, and Fall Conferences we will have a soup and salad potluck for the teachers.
- Membership (Becca Higgins) We currently have 171 members including staff. (177 last year)
- Room Parents (Cara Jakab for Monica Shanley) We are waiting on 6th grade party times (the party times conflict with their specials). The dates and times will be coming out soon along with links for healthy snack ideas and game ideas.
- Social Hour (Cara Jakab for Andrea Tuitele) Nov. 15th will be the next Social Hour. Location information is to come. Still might be looking at adding a restaurant night possibly in January.
- Walk to School Day (Cara Jakab for Sarah Reeves, Mari Runge, Jill Jackson) This event is coming up on October 8th where students can walk, ride, scooter to school.
- Watch Dog Dads (Cara Jakab for Veronica McDonough) We had more members sign up at the Sept. 18th kickoff meeting. There was a tablet donated by Steve and Monica for raffle at the meeting and it was won by Charlie Nemeth in 1st grade.

- Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 8th: International Walk/Bike to School Day

Oct. 12th: Gold Rush - register!!

Oct. 16th: Track and Field Day

Oct. 22nd: Early Release @ 12:15

Oct. 22nd & 23rd: Fall Conferences

Oct. 31st: Aluminum Recycling

Oct. 31st: Halloween Parade & Parties