

## PROSPECT VALLEY PTA MEETING

October 5, 2023

5:38-6:30PM



### 1. Call Meeting to Order

a. Welcome and Introductions

b. In attendance:

- i. Hillary Joseph | Shannon Thomas
- ii. Angie Gibson | Jessica Tribbett
- iii. Samantha Walker | Kim Davis
- iv. Christina Heard | Sara Schalliol-Hodge
- v. Ashley Palubinski | Alicia Marsicovetere
- vi. Sara Stites | Korey Stites
- vii. Melissa Jacobson | Kimberly Ewig
- viii. Lindsay Koller | Emily Daniels
- ix. Kathleen Corley | Sarah Dahlberg
- x. Dawn Ramirez | Tara Gray
- xi. Sherry Becker | Kari Fragnoli
- xii. Leslie Weinstein | Ashley Sakker
- xiii. Barbara Shuff | Madelaine DeVan
- xiv. Lisa Denton | Meghan Schleicher
- xv. Kim St. Martin | Lori Strand
- xvi. Rene McDermed | Stephanie Fletcher
- xvii. Autumn Oertli | Moniquea Gomez
- xviii. Stacy Hubert | Joey Audie
- xix. Kate Dean | Katia Dougherty

### 2. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant)

- a. Update on Parking and Hug and Go - More details will be sent out on Friday to the community.
- b. Playground opening plans. This will occur before November 3rd as all construction crews must be off site by that day.

### 3. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Hillary Joseph)

- a. Motion by Joey Audie to pass the meeting minutes from September.

- b. A 2nd motion by Monique Reef to approve the meeting minutes from September.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)**

- a. Budget Review
- b. Expense Request
  - i. Reallocate \$100 of income from unallocated to After School Enrichment for Lisa Denton to use.
    - 1. A motion by Kari Fragnoli was made to reallocate the funds from unallocated to After School Enrichment was made.
    - 2. A 2nd motion by Kate Dean was made to reallocate the funds from unallocated to After School Enrichment was made.

#### **5. President's Report (Hillary Joseph)**

- a. Highlights
  - i. Hillary provided a quote for World Teacher's Day.
  - ii. Load the Lounge (Moniqua Reef and Samantha Walker)
  - iii. Movie Night (Chris Manbeck and Samantha Walker)
  - iv. Accountability and Connections Team (Andrea Thompson and Madelaine DeVan)
    - 1. Connections Team will meet next Tuesday, October 10th @ 6PM in the library.
  - v. Walk and Bike to School (Kari Fragnoli and Laura Clase) - Emily Daniels will be taking over the event for the 2024-2025 year.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

- a. Membership (Rachelle Dodge)
  - i. Filed/paid our CO PTA dues by the 10/1 deadline.
  - ii. We have 156 members currently: 123 Parents/Guardians, 20 Staff Members and 13 Community Members.
  - iii. Our new Family Membership option has been really popular! We sold 33 so far (1/2 of our Parent/Guardians were purchased as Family Memberships)
  - iv. It's not too late to join PTA for the year and it's important to join if you want a voice in how our fundraising dollars are spent.
- b. Fun Run (Leslie Weinstein & Rachelle Dodge)
  - i. Speaking of fundraisers- the big day is tomorrow 10/6!
  - ii. The schedule for running is available on the flash and has been sent out by individual teachers.
  - iii. Volunteering is still encouraged.
  - iv. Please come out to cheer your student and their classmates on- it is so much fun and a wonderful community event.
  - v. Wear your PV colors, costumes and bring the noise!
  - vi. Even though the event itself will be over tomorrow, you can still fundraise through October 13th, so get your student registered online if you haven't already or you can turn in manual donations (cash or check are great).
- c. Load the Lounge (Moniqua Reef + Samantha Walker)

- i. Reminder that load the lounge is coming up on October 9th! This is a great way to show our teachers how much we appreciate them!
  - ii. The community showed up during the last Load the Lounge as all spots on the sign-up were filled.
- d. Advocacy (Ashley Palubinski)
  - i. The purpose and mission of PTA is child advocacy, which our PTA is already doing through our many programs, events, and efforts!
  - ii. As the Advocacy Liaison, I will be connecting our local unit to the business of Colorado PTA and notifying members of opportunities to become engaged in advocacy efforts
  - iii. Much of this information will be coming from my monthly participation in the Legislative Engagement Committee meetings
  - iv. Colorado PTA is taking a position on 2 initiatives on November's ballot: Initiative HH and Initiative II
- e. STEM Club/Robotics Club (Kathleen Corley)
  - i. We need to order 6 VEX IQ competition kits and one game and field kit (to participate in the competition this year). Purchase total will be \$4,029.
  - ii. Teams meet once a week and they also get together with the other schools to have smaller competitions before the tournament.
  - iii. We are looking for feedback on if this is something the kids would be interested in, and if there would be a parent volunteer willing to run the program.
    - 1. Samantha Walker, Moniquea Reef and Lorie Strand said they would be interested in assisting in the program.
  - iv. There will be a notice in the Flash for more feedback and interest in the club.
  - v. Grants were discussed to help off-set costs for a program in 2024-2025.
  - vi. There is concern of large amounts of money being spent for a limited amount of kids to be involved. When the VEX competition was at Kullerstrand, interviews were held to join the program.
  - vii. Kathleen Corley also plans to run a STEM club after school. Ms. Corley is thinking 6 weeks per club. Age range will vary for the clubs and many grades would be considered.
    - 1. The clubs will run on Tuesday (K-1, 2-3, 4-5).
    - 2. Parent volunteers will be requested to assist Ms. Corley.
- f. Original Works (Emily Webb)
  - i. Original Works is in full swing and everyone will be done by the end of the week. I am shipping out artwork on Monday, 10/2 and ordering will begin on October 18th and go until November 10th. They will be sending us physical copies with ordering information to send home with families in Monday folders as well as sending an email link for us to distribute.
- g. Battle of the Books

- i. I will introduce 5th grade’s Battle of the Books presentation on October 13th. Students will learn the titles and a brief synopsis of each of the 10 books. Students will respond to 2 types of questions, In the book... and In which book.... The Battle is in the Library and each team will need 1 computer. Teams should be in groups of 3.
    - ii. To compete, students will need to complete a form stating their name, title of their team, and a signed permission slip.
    - iii. Students will have Mock Battles with questions that will not be in the school-wide or district-wide battle. [Here is an example of a mock battle from last year.](#)
    - iv. The School Battle occurs in February before the last day of the month.
    - v. The District Battle will occur in the first week or two of March. This battle will be virtual and the Google Meet link will be sent out prior to the Battle.
  - h. Battle of the Books - Grade 2-4
    - i. Students in grades 2, 3 and 4 will each have 9 or 10 books for their grade level.
    - ii. Students in grades 2, 3, and 4 each have their own Battle.
    - iii. Battles are tentatively scheduled for April 1 - 2nd, - April 2nd - 3rd, and April 3rd for 4th grade.
    - iv. The battles are in the library and start by 3:00 and typically end between 4:00 and 5:00.
    - v. Students in grades 4 use a Round Robin format where each round gives each team the opportunity to earn 1 point/round.
  - i. Hospitality
    - i. Will organize signup genius and purchase meals for teachers during conferences on Oct. 17-18. Please be on the lookout for more information in the flash.
      - 1. A Sign-Up will be coming out to support the teachers during conferences.

## 7. New Business

- a. Promoting volunteerism in the classrooms and library
- b. Skate City Night
  - i. October 25th from 5-7pm
  - ii. All PV kids will be free. Younger siblings are welcome to skate, but please no older siblings on the skating floor to keep it safe for our little ones.

## 8. Open discussion

- a. Promotion of volunteering within the school.
- b. Ms. O’Neil has asked for additional support in the library to check out and check in books. This could be before or after school.
- c. PTA will review the list of volunteers who can assist in the library.
- d. Ask your teachers if you can assist in the classroom.
- e. This role does not need to be a parent, this can be a member of the community as well.

## 9. Adjourn Meeting