

PROSPECT VALLEY PTA MEETING

November 2, 2023

2:50-4:10PM



1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Welcome and Introductions
- b. Teacher Introductions
- c. In attendance:

Angie Gibson | Hillary Joseph | Andy Schrant | Shannon Thomas
Kari Fragnoli | Jenny Henderson | Ashley Palubinski | Emily Noone
Krista Johnson | Lisa Denton | Lori Strand | Samantha Walker | Taylor Luedtke
Jillian Jacobs | Katia Dougherty | Amanda Vegher | Angela Hendershot
Christina Heard | Meghan Schleicher | Simon McGowan | Ryan Dougouito
Alia Nicholson | Leslie Weinstein | Andrea Thompson | Andrew McConnell
Katie Critchfield | Sara Stites |

Via Zoom: Jessica Tribbett | Tina Patterson | Lindsay Koller | Marycate Bickey
Stacey Piculell | Laura Clase

2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes (Hillary Joseph)

- a. Motion to approve the minutes by Kari Fragnoli
- b. A second motion to approve the minutes by Andrea Thompson

3. Treasurer's Report (Angie Gibson)

- a. Budget Review
 - i. The Fun Run numbers are still being finalized. We did receive additional donations that will be counted toward our final total.
 - ii. A reminder that all teachers and paraprofessionals have a budget provided by the PTA. Andy sent out an email with additional details at the beginning of the week.
- b. Expense Request
 - i. Accountability (requesting budget for babysitting and snacks)
 1. Requesting a line item on the budget for babysitting and snacks.
 2. 1 hour of babysitting would be \$30.
 - a. A motion to vote on the request was made by Jenny Henderson.
 - ii. Girls on the Run
 1. A change in the request was made to double the budget since this program occurs in the fall and in the spring.
 - a. A motion to vote on the request was made by Ashley Palubinski.
 2. The 5K run details were requested by Hillary Joseph to put in The Flash to promote to the PV community.
 3. Girls on the Run does need running buddies for the actual 5K race on November 12th.

- iii. Allocate \$500 from Wheat Ridge Farmers 5000 to Family Engagement Liaison Fund (Lisa Denton). A \$50 donation was made on 11.2.2023 to be added to the Family Engagement Liaison Fund (Lisa Denton).
 - 1. A motion to move the funds was made by Alia Nicholson.

4. President's Report (Hillary Joseph)

- a. Teacher and Principal appreciation in October
 - i. Hospitality committee did a dinner for the teachers for fall conferences
 - ii. Load the Lounge was a great success.
 - iii. Principal Schrant's door was decorated with kind words from the community.
- b. Skate City Event
 - i. PV had 287 skaters participate. It was a great event for everyone.
- c. Halloween parties were successful with lots of fun activities and spirit.
 - i. Lindsey Koller asked if there is a budget for the room parents for school parties? It was discussed that there are funds in the budget for room parents. To use those funds, you will need to submit a request to the PTA.
 - ii. More communication was requested around the room parent position and what it entails.
 - iii. The room parent chair, Sara Covington will be asked to send out additional communication surrounding this conversation.
 - iv. There was discussion on not being able to properly fund classroom parties.
 - 1. Ms. Jacobs classroom asks for \$5 per child per party to cover the three school parties. This is just an example of how to fund the parties.
 - v. Expense voucher will be attached to the meeting minutes.
- d. Middle School Parent Conversation
 - i. Representatives from Everett, Manning, Drake, and Bell Middle Schools will be represented.
 - ii. This event will occur on November 7th at 5:30PM in the library.

5. Principal's Report (Andy Schrant)

- a. Playground Opening
 - i. General rules are that no students should be on the equipment before school. If children choose to play on the playground after school, they need to be supervised.
 - ii. The field is currently going through warranty work with the contractor. The plan is to utilize the field again next week.
 - iii. The South-East corner will not be available until the Spring. This area will not be available during recess.
 - iv. Snowpants and Boots: Send your warm gear when the weather is chilly and wet.
- b. What happens during a non-contact teacher work day?
 - i. November 13, 2023 is a non-contact day at school.

- ii. Teachers will have the opportunity to meet with a district team to discuss consolidation.
- iii. The district nurse will be visiting the school.
- iv. IEP's will be reviewed during.
- v. This is an additional day for teachers to classroom plan.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Fun Run Update (Fun Run Team - Alia Nicholson, Leslie Weinstein & Sara Stites)
 - i. Raised more than \$80,000 (current tally is \$80,160 Gross Income)
 - ii. Expenses approx. \$6,500 for Prizes
 - iii. 385 students fundraising and almost entire student body participating in event.
 - iv. Whole School Prize needed for exceeding goal.
 - v. Ms. Beasley's class won the Golden Shoe award for most funds raised.
 - vi. Prizes were delivered on Friday, October 27th to all students.
 - vii. The committee works really hard so that almost all funds donated go back to the school. This can only happen because of the fantastic volunteers who assist with this fundraiser.
 - viii. A history of the event was given by Leslie Weinstein. This event has occurred for the past five years. Initially, this event did not bring in large donation amounts. With the goal being reached and exceeded, the PTA can relook at how the budget is being allocated. Suggestions can be sent to the PTA for review.
- b. Special Persons Day (Allison Windes)
 - i. November 17, 2023
 - ii. Information can be found on the Flash or on the PTA website.
 - iii. A sign-up genius was sent out for volunteers to assist on the special day.
- c. Battle of the Books/Book Fair (Amy O'Neill)
 - i. Dates were extended for signing up.
 - ii. Details are available in The Flash.
- d. Advocacy (Ashley Palubinski)
 - i. Public School Funding:
 1. Adequate, sustainable funding for public schools
 2. Ensure that taxpayer dollars fund only public schools
 3. Permanently eliminate the "budget stabilization factor" (note: this is a budget tool created by state lawmakers which allows them to fund public schools for less than the amount required by the state constitution; since its creation in 2009, the BSF has resulted in over \$10 billion of reduced funding for Colorado schools, including almost \$950 million dollars of reduced funding in Jeffco Schools)
 - ***Update: In his proposed budget for next year which was released yesterday, Governor Polis has proposed eliminating the budget

stabilization factor. If this happens, it will be the first time in 15 years that Colorado public schools have been fully funded.***

- ii. Accountability
 1. Redesign the state accountability system to provide targeted resources to schools and districts that have the highest needs, without punitive or disruptive consequences for low performance
 2. Change the educator evaluation law to focus on support and improvement rather than rating performance based on statewide mandated testing
- iii. Equity
 1. Promote programs that encourage the development, recruitment, and retention of diverse educators
 2. Protect access to diverse materials and information, particularly within libraries
- iv. Safety & Health
 1. Safeguard children and youth from bullying and violence in all forms, both in person and online
 2. Promote gun safety policies
 3. Promote healthy school meals and adequate meal times for all students (note: individual schools are limited in their ability to extend lunch times due to needing to meet a minimum number of instructional minutes per day; such changes need to come from higher up, such as the district level)
- v. Election Day is on Tuesday; Colorado PTA is taking positions on Propositions HH and II (more information is on PV PTA Facebook page)
- vi. Colorado PTA is hosting an Advocacy Open House on November 3rd from 5:30-8PM (more information is on the PV PTA Facebook page)
- e. Landscape (Christina Heard)
 - i. Christina has a background in organic gardening. She has a vision to bring back the PV student garden. Christina would like to involve students and teachers in the process.
 - ii. The goal would be to involve the community at some point.
 - iii. PV needs to review what they are allowed to do with the grounds before any plans can be committed too.
 - iv. An after-school gardening club was mentioned as a possible idea as well.
- f. School Dance (Samantha Walker)
 - i. More details are coming in the Flash this next coming week.
 - ii. RSVP for dinner is requested to keep spending low and not be wasteful.
 - iii. Details will be listed on the Prospect Valley PTA site.

7. New Business

a. Family Need

- i. Donations for a family who just got a new apartment are needed. They are starting from scratch and would welcome assistance. Please reach out to Lisa Denton so she can coordinate donations. lisa.denton@jeffco.k12.co.us
- b. Shopping Event at XO Gift Shop
 - i. This event will occur on November 16th from 10AM to 7PM. The XO Gift Shop is located in the Gold's Grocery Center. A portion of all sales during that day will come back to Prospect Valley.
- c. Holiday Gift Shop
 - i. This is a gift shop that PV could host where students could shop for family members? Does the community have thoughts on hosting this holiday store for students? Please send any thoughts to the PTA.
- d. Holiday Wish List
 - i. Lisa Denton will be hosting a holiday wish list for families in need. More details will be coming soon.
- e. Brainstorm ideas for how to spend additional funds raised this year.
 - i. Please reach out to the PTA with ideas.
 - ii. Consider doing something similar to the all school field trip last year but by grade level.

8. Adjourn Meeting