



Meeting Minutes

Date:

10/3/2024

Time:

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Facilitator:

Shannon Thomas, PTA Board President

In Attendance:

Catherine Putman | Sara Schalliol-Hodge

Allison Grigel | Ryan Quirk

Sarah Stirling | Larissa Quirk

Hillary Joseph | Laurey Mattox

Ashley Palubinski | Jamie Stransky

Sarah Stites | Majken Berglund

Moniquea Gomez | Renee McDermed

Sarah Dahlberg | Kristin Michie

Madelaine DeVan | Jessica Tribbett

Amy Nepomucano | Kim Davis

Kelli Binder | Matthew Lunger

Jessie Streelman | Lisa Denton

Autumn Ocky | Samantha Walker

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were discussed from the September meeting and were approved with no questions.

- ★ Jessica Tribbett made a motion to approve
- ★ Allison Grigel seconded the motion
- ★ October's meeting minutes will be approved at the November meeting scheduled for 11/07/24 at 2:50 pm

PTA Board

Shannon Thomas – President

Kelli Binder – President Elect

Larissa Quirk – Treasurer

Majken Berglund – Secretary



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PTA Mission Statement

The Mission of the Prospect Valley PTA is to support our PV families, teachers, and staff and to help nurture a strong community that promotes connection, inclusion, and fun.

Welcome & Intros

The 2024-2025 board members and attendees introduced themselves.

Robert's Rules Reminders –Meeting Process Review

Below is a list of relevant key terms, if needed:

Key Term	Description
Motion	<p>A formal proposal to put a topic to vote beginning with two different phrases from two different PTA members.</p> <p>Motions begin with the following phrase: "I move that..."</p> <p>Motions progress with the following phrase by a member who agrees with a motion: "I second the motion" or "I second"</p>
Discussion	<p>Every member is given a chance to communicate their views on the motion topic one after the other.</p> <p>Discussion Rules: I. Listen respectfully, without interrupting</p>



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	II. Listen actively and with an ear to understanding others' views III. Criticize ideas , not each other
Votes	All votes will be conducted electronically via email after the close of a meeting. Note: A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is required to pass a vote.

Below is the Robert's Rules process for the PV PTA:

- A member Makes a motion
- Another member who agrees seconds the motion
- The Board calls for discussion and invites open discussions on every topic
- An electronic voting form is sent after the meeting
 - ❖ A 2/3 majority is required to pass a motion

President's Report

- I. Shannon reported out that we filled all open committee positions – BRAVO!
- II. Shannon stated that the PTA shed has a keyless lock per request, albeit it is not a smart lock, which was the ask. The district had to weigh in on it, but it is done. Please reach out if anyone needs the code.
- III. Shannon explained that we need a mini membership drive to boost our PTA numbers. Please share the value of our PTA with your friends.
- IV. Shannon reported out that all Room Parent positions have been filled – BRAVO!
 - ✦ **Allison Grigel** – Thanks for all of your hard work
- V. Staff Spotlight
 - ✦ **Matt Lunger** – is our new Assistant Principal, who shares his adorable, happy toddler named Harrison with his wife, Lindsey. Harrison loves cars and pizza and won the hearts of all he smiled at. Matt has spent 11 years in education, predominantly in high schools and middle schools. He has experience with gifted and talented and twice exceptional students. Matt loves the community



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at PV, which was a driver for him to choose us. His work at PV is centered around student experience. He oversees the behavior and rewards systems and works with our TRAILS students. If anyone is seeking to wave at Matt, he can be spotted on Quail Street during drop-off and pick-up.

Treasurer's Report – Budget Update

- I. 2024-2025 Annual budget was approved.
- II. Larissa highlighted there is some money from corporate sponsorships that is still coming in.
- III. As a tax exempt organization, we need to file certain exemptions. If there are any CPAs amongst us that would help, please reach out to the PTA. Pretty please.

Principal's Report

- I. Andy's son had a birthday, so Matt filled in – Happy Birthday little Schrant.
- II. Matt discussed the new math curriculum, which is an inquiry based model. Matt explained that instead of teachers standing up and doing a problem, tasking students to try a problem as a group and then on their own, teachers now encourage "productive struggle". Essentially the onus is on the kids. Staff is working to get comfortable with the new curriculum and is focused on how to build the productive struggle for their students. It is a strong curriculum.

Committee reports

- I. **Carnival** – N/A



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- II. **Accountability** – Laura Mattox & Kristin Hume: As a reminder, this committee is the back door information that people don't see. Every school has a UIP, and we have to determine our plan so that we don't get too comfortable and are always seeking to improve our schools. Our UIP goals this year involves growing our map scores. This year our focus is on math. She talked about upcoming meetings and stated that MAP scores will come back in May. February 27th is the follow-up for our budget.
- III. **Connection Team (DEI)/Membership** – Madelaine DeVan: As a reminder, Madelaine started this committee last year that is a subset of the Accountability committee. The focus is to consider families with diverse backgrounds, who are not necessarily represented by those participating in the PTA, or the Accountability committee. She explained that we have 100 PTA members. We will look at the parent survey data you all sent us soon. we have 230 surveys to date. We are working a new team to welcome new families and a staff connection team. 10/8 is our next meeting.
- IV. **Directory** – Katia Dougherty: As a reminder, the directory is a great way to connect. The goal was to have the book out before October, and we are so close. The directory will be sent to print Monday, so we should have them by mid-October. This is better than January, which is when we got them last year. Cheers to quicker responders this year.
- V. **Fun Run** – Alia Nicholson, Sara Stites & Allison Grigel: As a reminder, this is the sixth year of the fun run, which is our big fundraiser of the year. This event is all volunteer run (see what we did there?!) so we need loads of volunteers on the day of the event, as well as for prize delivery. Sara exclaimed that we are at \$13,000 (22% of our goal). Donations need to be in by 10/22. The Splash Tower is back but we are using water beads this year. We need lots of volunteers so please sign up. Please note that Givebacks has changed their platform so we cannot see who has donated. Email us at pvfunrun@gmail.com and we will pull it manually, but it takes some time. Parents can see how much their kiddos have raised in the Student section of the website.
- VI. **Room Chair** – Allison Grigel: We have filled all open slots for room parents! We had a meet-up and room parents had some fun ideas. Stay tuned!



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- VII. **Teacher/Staff Liaison** – Allison Grigel is fast at work helping everyone navigate all the things. 😊
- VIII. **Community & Family Engagement** – Theresa Woodhull & Lisa Denton: As a reminder, Therea is working with Lisa Denton with after school enrichments, which is a big undertaking. If you are interested in helping, reach out to prospectvalleypta@gmail.com. Lisa introduced herself and explained that her role is to help support the connection between home and school. We definitely are looking at extending/expanding our opportunities to learn what your kids are learning in the classroom. Lisa offered an awesome opportunity: There is a Family Engagement conference in Denver at the end of October. Currently there are 2 attendees, but the PTA paid for 3 people to go. If anyone is interested let Lisa know. Math will be highlighted this year at the conference, and another session theme is Male/Father engagement.
- IX. **Social** – Kim Davis: As a reminder, Kim is looking for a co-chair. This committee will also need a shadow to help streamline communication for the Flash. Kim discussed our amazing albeit last minute Halloween drive. The idea is that anyone can bring costumes to donate in the bins by the office. We will have “shopping” days for the kids. The drive seeks all sizes, including toddler costumes, so we can serve our kids’ younger siblings.
- X. **Load the Lounge** – Moniquea Reef: As a reminder, this effort is something that we do the first Monday of the month, where we provide snacks and treats for the staff. It's a combination of snacks and treats provided by PTA along with family provided treats. September's Load the Lounge was successful. We are approaching the next one this upcoming Monday. Please sign up if you are able.
- XI. **Movie Night/School Dance** – Samantha Walker: Thank you all who came to the movie night! Samantha said we will add another speaker next year. Also, the dance is coming on 10/25. This will be a costume themed Halloween dance. Some ghoulish fun will include a spaghetti dinner, photo booth, a DJ, and some creepy crawlers... snakes and spiders for all who enjoy. The Joy club will be hosting a bake sale so please bring cash, specifically small bills.
- XII. **Landscape** – Christina Heard: The committee met and is interested in an outdoor classroom for all grades to utilize akin to the one in the previous PV building. They are in the process of finding grant opportunities/corporate donations. Christina



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will report out on their efforts soon. There is discussion of planters by the front of the school. Laurie Maddox asked about getting volunteers for weed control? Also, can we talk about soccer goal posts on the field? Lastly, does anyone know where our baseball diamond is?

- ✦ Update Per Meeting: Weeding is part of the facility's responsibilities. The landscaping committee said they would gather a team if additional weeding is needed. PTA will add soccer goals to the wish list.

- XIII. **Walk/Bike to School** – Emily Daniels & Jessi Strelman: As a reminder, this event is Wednesday, 10/9, starting at 7:15 AM. This seeks to encourage kids to promote health activities by walking and biking. There won't be a check-in process, but there will be 3 checkpoints for snacks, music, and encouragement. There will be a motion station for those who cannot participate. All kids will be entered in to win prizes. We have had great donations, but we need a few more volunteers so let us know or sign up on the sign-up genius if anyone can help.

- XIV. **Yearbook** – N/A

- XV. **Advocacy** – Ashley Palubinski: Voting day is coming! There are 3 ballot measures that CO PTA and Jeffco PTA are taking stances on. Please see below:
 - **Prop KK:** Asks voters to support or oppose a 6.5% excise tax placed on gun manufacturers, gun retail stores, and ammunition vendors annually to fund mental health services for certain groups of people, including veterans, at-risk youth, and domestic violence survivors as well as crisis services for children
 - ✦ CO PTA is **supporting**

 - **Amendment 80:** Asks voters to support or oppose an amendment in the state constitution that "Each K-12 child has the right to school choice." The amendment would state that "all children have the right to equal opportunity to access a quality education" and that "parents have the right to direct the education of their children." Under the amendment, school choice would include neighborhood schools, charter schools, private schools, homeschools, open enrollment options, and future innovations in education. This would remove some control from school boards for enrollment and threatens fragile funding
 - ✦ Jeffco PTA is **opposing**



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- **Ballet Issues 1A:** Asks voters to support or oppose eliminating Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) revenue restrictions in Jeffco, allowing the county to retain and spend all collected revenue. If passed, Measure 1A would eliminate the need for Jefferson County to issue TABOR refunds and would enable the county to dedicate these already collected funds toward transportation, infrastructure, and public safety, such as fire and flood.

Note: This initiative does not impact Tabor restrictions at the state level, just the county level – **fun fact:** Jeffco is one of the first counties that does not have Tabor restrictions at the local level

★ Jeffco PTA is **supporting**

XVI. **Volunteer** – Teresa Woodhull: N/A

XVII. **Hospitality** – Kim St. Martin & Marycate Brickey: Teacher conferences are scheduled for 10/15 and 10/16. We will cater Illegal Pete's for dinner. There is a sign-up for parents to bring in snacks or food, if any are able to help.

XVIII. **Science Fair** – N/A

XIX. **Nominating** – N/A

XX. **Corporate Sponsorship** – N/A

XXI. **PV Showcase** – N/A

XXII. **After School Enrichment** – N/A



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ANNOUNCEMENTS – New Business

N/A

Dates to remember in October:

- ★ 10/8 – Connections Team meeting
- ★ 10/9 – Walk/Bike to School
- ★ 10/11 – Fun Run
- ★ 10/15 – Parent/Teacher conferences
- ★ 10/16 – Parent/Teacher conferences
- ★ 10/17 – 10/18 – Fall break (NO SCHOOL)
- ★ 10/22: Fun Run donations are due
- ★ 10/25 – Halloween Dance

Dates to remember in November:

- ★ 11/1 – Teacher workday (NO SCHOOL)
- ★ 11/7 – PTA Meeting
- ★ 11/25 – 11/29 – Thanksgiving break (NO SCHOOL)

Next meeting

7 November 2024 | 2:50-4:00 at PV