

**Prospect Valley PTA September 4th, 2014 General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15p.m.**

- I. Call meeting to order - 3:00 p.m.
- II. Welcome, Introductions, and Sign In
- III. Reading and approval of the May 2014 minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- IV. Technology Update and Fall Book Fair (Amy O'Neill) - Book Fair went well, we made \$1970 this year! Thanks to the PTA for the support for technology. The funding provided by the PTA has provided for 20 new desktop replacements that are getting up and running and will be ready to use this Monday.
- V. Reports of Officers
  - President's report (Cara Jakab) : Thanks to everyone for giving their time and talents to the PTA. As members of the PTA we are here to support the school. Our **Giving Campaign** momentum is up and running. We are up \$1000 in donations at this time from last year. Last year we had 7 employer matching gifts. Just a reminder to everyone that some employers are looking for ways to donate and will match gifts to our school. So please ask your employer if they might be interested in doing this. If every family gave \$60 we would reach our \$25,000 Giving Campaign goal. Last year some grandparents contributed to the GC, so that is another way we can get additional contributions to help reach our goal. We have already been busy with many activities so far. The Carnation Festival parade had a float hosted by the PTA - thanks to all who participated in that. In addition we have helped with the Ice Cream Social, Curriculum Night, Meet the Principal, and meals for a family in need.
  - 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): Thanks for the PTA help so far, the year is off to a great start. It has been a challenge working out the 4th/5th grade combination class - but we have worked hard to make it the best possible set up for everyone. We completed our testing days on Aug. 22nd and 25th. We held a band assembly on the 26th recruiting 5th graders. Curriculum night went well, but we are always looking for new ways to gain more participation at this event. If you have any ideas on how to make this happen, please come see me. TCAP reports will go home next week. Kristina Neb will be a part-time teacher for our 4th/5th students to help keep the class size down. Lisa Palmer is a new parent

para-professional who will work with GT kids school wide. All grades have 3 hours of para-professional help per day. We will be adding an additional part-time Special Education teacher. We are starting our new Math Expressions program this year. There was a safety incident last week where a student reported a suspicious person, so we took all precautions to ensure our kids safety, and everything checked out ok. Amie Morozs will be the new Accountability Chair and they are looking into changing meetings to quarterly. The first Accountability meeting is being held September 18th at 3:00 p.m.

- Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy): Review of the proposed budget for 2014/2015 school year. Thanks to those who helped as part of the Audit committee this summer to review the books. **Motion made and passed - New budget approved.**

VI. New Business - Thank you to the staff, garden committee, landscaping, Gold Rush, tickets for time (Samantha Torres), Audit committee, those who helped with registration, Giving Campaign committee for all the work done over the summer to help get our year off to a good start. Reminder that if you are a committee chair - please call your volunteers at least 2 weeks prior to your event. It is important to touch base with volunteers and let them know we are aware they want to help. September 20th there is a PTA leadership conference being held at Arvada High School (hosted by CO PTA) from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### VII. Reports of Committees

- Business Directory/Student Directory (Cara Jakab for Colleen Emory) You must select "OK" in Jeffco Connect to ensure that you are giving permission to publish your info. in the directory.
- Dance (Amie Morozs, Lori Fugate, Monica Shanley) Still in need of volunteers for set-up for the dance, starting at 3:00 p.m. This is a free event and there will also be pizza, soda, and a photo booth (all for a small fee). The theme is Alice in Wonderland, so get your costumes together and come and join us!
- Family/Staff Support (Amie Morozs) We are currently supporting 1 family in need by providing meals. We still need 2 meals for the week of Sept. 15th, if you are interested in helping please let me know. I am also looking for a co-chair or someone to take over the position of Family/Staff Support.
- Grandparents/Special Person's Day (Jennifer Yates) Taking place on Sept. 18th. We are still in need of volunteers to help take visitors to classes. 1st/2nd: 9:00-9:30; 3rd/4th/6th: 9:30-10:00; AM KG/FD KG/5th: 10:00-10:30; PM KG: 2:15-2:45.

- Garden (Erin Perrin & Stacie Mintken) Thank you to the people who volunteered and helped over the summer with the garden. If you are interested in being on the Garden Committee and helping in the future, you may sign up via the garden website that you may access via link on the main PV PTA site. We will be having a meeting next week for new ideas. Also, recipes for the things made using garden ingredients can be found on the garden website.
- Gold Rush (Cara Jakab for Brenda Ritz): The committee worked hard on getting corporate sponsorship over the summer. Most of last years sponsors have returned and we have a few new ones as well. We are almost up to \$9000 in corporate sponsorship. There are still \$200 level corporate sponsorships available which allows you to have a table at the event. September 15th online registration goes live.
- Hospitality (Jeanne Sanchez & Monica Shanley) We have already helped with several items at the beginning of the year: Back to School, Meet the Principal, Vision & Hearing testing. Upcoming events we will be helping with are October Field Day and October Conferences.
- Landscape (Jodi Nemeth & Jen Babbington): Jodi and Jen Babbington visited the school over the summer and came up with a list of things they saw that needed to be addressed. They turned that list into Mr. Collins and several things have already been completed by Devin (yard clean up, gutter repair, ramp repainted, weeding & trimming). The school sign up front is damaged and needs to be replaced or repaired. We will be looking into how much that will cost to determine if we can use committee money towards that. Received a donation from Ace Hardware. Considering doing wood cut outs for the front planter box that classes could paint to have decoration at the front of the school when there are no plantings.
- Membership (Cara Jakab for Becca Higgins) We currently have 153 members (177 last year). From the \$10 PTA membership fee, \$6.25 goes to the National PTA and the rest goes to us.
- Reflections (Serene Wardinsky) Program kicks off next week and we are hoping to increase participation this year.
- Room Parents (Jen Hess for Monica Shanley) Reminder for Room Parents to work with the Wellness Committee to keep parties healthy. There are still a few classes in need of a Room Parent: 2nd Reyell & Thompson and 4th needs a co-room parent for Browne. Also a reminder for no goodie bags or balloons at the parties - keep things simple.
- Tickets for Time (Samantha Torres) - please turn your tickets in if you have not done so already.

- Walk to School Day (Cara Jakab for Sarah Reeves, Mari Runge, Jill Jackson)  
This event is coming up on October 8th.
- Watch Dog Dads (Mike Collins for Veronica McDonough) They are already helping wherever they can. They will be at the school dance on Sept. 12th. There is a kickoff pizza party on Sept. 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library for those who are participating or would like to participate. Come join us!
- Wish Lists (Heather Kennedy) The Wish List tree is located in the front hall. The wishes have already been posted on the tree as well as on our website.

VIII. Adjournment: 3:55 p.m.

### **Dates to Remember**

**Sept. 9th: Picture Day**

**Sept. 12th: School Dance 6-8 p.m.**

**Sept. 18th: Special Person's Day; Accountability Meeting 3:00 p.m.**

**Sept. 26th: Early Release & Aluminum Recycling**

**Oct. 1st: Official Count Day - BE AT SCHOOL!**

**Oct. 2nd: PTA Meeting 3:00 p.m.**

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