

# VAN ZANT PTO MEETING MINUTES

## **PTO Minutes**

**Thursday, January 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @ 7:012 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to wave the reading of December 2014 minutes.

Approved by 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Gebhart 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Kibler

## **Board**

Welcome and thank you for coming out on this cold and rainy evening. Please enjoy the light refreshments.

## **Officers Reports**

### **President-Lea Ryan**

#### **December recap of events:**

- We made \$134 at the Pretzel Sale.
- The Holiday Shop was very well received with the kids. Thank you to all the parents' volunteers. The Holiday Shop made \$215.
- The Winter Concert and class parties all went well.

#### **Upcoming January and February events:**

- School Store is Friday, January 9. New spirit sticks will be available for sale.
- D.A.R.E Graduation is Tuesday, January 13
- McPrincipal Night is also Tuesday, from 5pm-8pm.
- Candy Bag B-I-N-G-O is January 23, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room. This year, we are partnering with Riley Gleason, a 2012 VZ graduate, to

collect winter accessories for Camden's homeless. Your admission to the Candy Bag Bingo should be a new or gently used Winter Accessory such as gloves, scarves, and hats. Coats are also needed.

### **February events:**

- Heart Shaped Soft Pretzel Sale will be held the first 2 weeks in February. Delivery is on 2/12.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, February 3 from 3:30pm-8:30pm
- We will celebrate Van Zant's Birthday on 2/12 with soft pretzels and spirit sticks.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP-Katie Alexander-see committee reports section**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Wendy Palfy**

- Thank you for all of your patience with spirit wear. There are still items for sale. They are available for purchase through our website, and will also be sold at Candy Bag BINGO.
- On McPrincipal night; Please remember to bring your Flyer. The class with the most participation will win coupons for free happy meals.
- Pancheros night is scheduled for February 25, 4pm-8pm.

### **Recording Secretary-Kristina Kennedy**

- Encourage all to sign-in.
- The Volunteer of the month of January was Betsy Veitch. She received a gift card to Dunkin Donuts.

### **Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Thurow**

- A raffle was held for those teachers that are also paid PTO members. Five teachers received a free Kidstuff Book. Thee teachers are: Sara Crismon, Michelle Hack, Patti Meenan, Stacey Santora and Rae Witherel.
- A thank you card was received by Mrs. Chrisman for the Kidstuff book.
- A thank you note was received from Go 4 the Goal; our Hat Day fundraiser. We donated \$125 to their organization.

**Treasurer-Joanna Litsky** – Please see attached treasurer’s report..

**Principal’s Report-Miss McMullen-**

- 1/15 Zoo Assembly

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business to report.

**New Business:**

- Katie is organizing a committee to revise the Standing Rules. They were last update in 2008 and are posted to the website. Please contact Katie if you are interested.
- The website is up to date. New school spirit sticks are available for purchase.

**Committee Reports**

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities-Jenn Yocum**

Holiday Breakfast was held on 12/23. Please mark your calendar for a fundraiser at Pump It Up, on March 12, 6-8pm for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

- **Art Goes to School – Nicole Meyers**

A meeting was held today. AGTS will present at Van Zant during the children’s Art classes, the week of March 22 through March 27. Parents will be invited to attend. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

The next meeting will be at St. Joan of Arc School in Pedata Hall, 9:30-11am, on January 22.

- **Blood Drive- Chris Sauer**

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, February 3, from 3:30pm-8:30pm, in the VZ All Purpose Room. A flyer was sent out this week.

- **Book Fair: Jini Webb**
  
- **Box Tops- Sarah Barkow**

Participation was low for Lables for Education. We will do another Box Tops contest in the spring.

- **By-Laws-Elissa Smith**
  
- **Fun Fair- Kerry Anyzek**

Volunteers are needed to help with Prize Room, Kitchen and Crafts. We are also looking for parents who are willing to solicit to 10 businesses and collect donations.

- **Holiday Shop- Jenine Dolores**
  
- **Hospitality- Katie.**
  
- **Market Day- Laura Gebhart/Jenn Yocum**

Jenn reported that pickup for January will be on 1/27.

- **Membership - Jean Marie Farkas.**

We have added 1 new member.

**Newsletter- Heather Ergood**

- **PTO Photographer- Jaime Frangella**

Photos will be taken at McPrincipal Night and Candy Bag Bingo.

- **Pretzel Sales- Karen Maratea**

Heart Shaped Pretzels will be sold the first and second weeks in February, with delivery on 2/12.

- **Recreation- Karen Glenney**

**Room Representatives-Jean Marie Farkas**

**School Board Liason- Sue Wilder**

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on 1/22 at DeMasi.

- **School Store- Jini Webb**

School Store was held on January 9.

- **Science Spectacular- Lea Ryan**

Lea is working with Marianne. This event will be held on 4/17. We are still in need of 7 presenters.

- **Volunteer Recruitment- Barb LaRue**

- **Website-Krista Connor**

Both the bulletin board and website are current.

#### **Next Meeting**

February 5th @ 7:00 pm VZ Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45pm. And was passed unanimously.

Approved by 1<sup>st</sup> Betsy Veitch 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Gebhart