

# VZ PTO MEETING MINUTES

## **PTO Minutes October 3, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @7:02 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to wave the reading of September minutes.  
Approved by 1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Anyzek 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Meyers

### **Board**

The Board and principal were introduced. Thank you for coming. Thank you to Michele Schumkler for organizing and for those who provided hospitality.

**Special Presentation:** Mrs. O'Neill Spanish Teacher at Van Zant. Mrs. O'Neill discussed adding third grade 2x/week for 25 minutes, she is at Van Zant on Mondays, Tuesdays and a half day on Friday. She discussed the benefits of learning a language on overall child development. Go to Van Zant website for language based games.

### **Officers Reports**

#### **President-Lea Ryan**

**September Recap:** Back to School night, Staff Luncheon, Class pictures. Thank you to Dana Stancati for staff luncheon and to anyone that sent in donations.

**October Recap:** Internet safety program was presented on October 3 to all fourth and fifth grade students by a State Police Officer. Electronic copy of assembly will be posted to website. Room representative tea is October 4 at 9 am. The book fair will be held starting October 21<sup>st</sup> and family night will be October 22 from 6-8 pm. Our spirit sale will start on October 23. Trunk or Treat will be October 25.

**President's Meeting Notes:** Strategic planning in process. The next board meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Township building; the "State of Our Schools" will be discussed. Fundraisers are down throughout the district. Scheduled fundraisers in the district: October 18 Casino Night at Demasi, November 1 Race for Education at Jaggard, October 19 5K Run at St. Joan of Arc and November 9 is St. Joan of Arc Christmas Bazaar. Check out Dave Scott's website for Marlton Business Association.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VP-Katie Alexander**

Most all committee chairs have emailed their respective committee members. Thank you.  
Still waiting for a few to touch base.

If your committee members are not responsive to your emails, please try calling them.

I have the update hard copy of the committee list. I will email it to all of the chairs and I will have it available on our website soon.

Thank you to everyone that voted in the givewith.target.com promotion.

We earned \$300.00

Trunk or treat is coming up at the end of the month. Wendy has a meeting tomorrow with Ms. McMullen to work out details. We are really trying to make it seamless this year. Information will be relayed to the Recreation committee soon.

The first School Store is next week 10/9. Novelty Sprit Sticks will be on sale for a \$1.00

Nadia Bhimani has stepped up to co-chair the Holiday Shops but I am seeking another co-chair for her. Holiday Shop was my first committee. I found it to be very rewarding and a lot of fun working with all the students. Hanukkah is early this year November 27.

Also thank you to Michele Schmukler who volunteered to chair the Evening Hospitality Committee. It would be great if we could get a few more parents on this committee so that Michelle could schedule rotating schedules for the PTO meetings. It is the perfect committee for a new parent to VZ or someone that is interested in getting more involved in the PTO.

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

Kids Stuff books sale ends October 7, as of right now sales are down.

**Recording Secretary-Kim Kulinski** Encourage all to sign-in.

**Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Sauer**

### **September**

Sent Junk Food basket to Mr. Pritti. Death in family.

Retirement flowers sent to Sallie Martin. She retired this past Monday.

Many wonderful Thank Yous for teacher lunch.

Thank you from Allison Ebner for scholarship.

Thank you from Cindy Newton for her beautiful flowers.

Thank you from Ms. McMullen for active boards and fabulous teachers lunch

Bring a friend to next PTO meeting and receive 2 tickets to win a prize!

**Treasurer-Marianne Vandyk-** Reviewed & detailed P&L statement, see report. Motion to approve budget was unanimous. Motion to allocate money was unanimously approved.

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Rosemary McMullan presented her report. Internet safety assembly went well today, children asked good questions. Respect and safety week is coming up, fire prevention week. Red ribbon week for safety, avoid drug and alcohol abuse. DARE officer Kinner will meet with all grades for Halloween and bike safety.

Teachers are currently assessing students for language arts to be better able to individually address each student's needs. Parent lunches for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are this month, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is in April, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is in May and 1<sup>st</sup> and Kindergarten is in June.

We continue to implement responsive classroom, banners are up throughout the school, this month is addressing cooperation with your teacher. Next month works on being assertive and sticking up for yourself. Chime system is working "beautifully."

We are in need of parent volunteers, for computers and classrooms if anyone can even give 1 hour per week, this would be helpful. Volunteer forms can be filled out and then need to be approved by superintendent. Thank you for your support and please call anytime with questions.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Extra yearbooks for sale

### **New Business**

- Spirit sticks will be sold October 9 at school store the book fair and Chick fil a night.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Art Goes to School**-Nicole Meyers-New volunteer meeting will be October 10 from 9:30 to 11 am at St. Joan of Arc, Pedata Hall. Meetings are scheduled for October 24, November 14 presentation week is April 28-May 2.
- **Blood Drive**-Chris Sauer-(Lea reported) to be scheduled for February.
- **Book Fair** Jini Webb-(Lea reported) Scheduled for October 21-25, her committee was contacted and volunteer schedule will be available.
- **Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels** Sarah Barkow-(Lea reported)-Contest ends October 18, winning class will receive spirit sticks.
- **Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Grade Activities**-Ana Heras/Maria Ferguson
- **Fun Fair** Kerry Anyzek-First meeting will be October 21 in the Teacher's Lounge at 6 pm. Need a volunteer for Game room.
- **Holiday Shop/Secret Shop**-Nadia Bhimani

- **Hospitality** (Day) Dana Stancati (Evening) Michele Schmukler-Lea thanked Dana again for great job with teachers luncheon.
- **Market Day** Jen Yocum & Lauren Gephart-Go to Marketday.com delivery is set for October 22.
- **Membership/Room Reps** JeanMarie Farkas(Lea reported)-Room rep tea is tomorrow. Should be receiving a call from room reps for Halloween party.
- **Newsletter** Wendy Durate-(Lea reported) October newsletter has been submitted. If you have anything for November newsletter let Wendy or Lea know.
- **Recreation** Bridget Nelson-Flyer will go out for Trunk or Treat next week. October 15 at Bridget's house will be planning committee meeting.
- **School Board Liaison** Sue Wilder
- **School Store** Jini Webb-(Lea reported) School store is October 9.
- **Science Spectacular** Beth Kromish-(Lea) scheduled for March 21 please contact Beth if you can volunteer to speak to help keep the cost down.
- **Volunteer Recruitment**-Barb LaRue-Need volunteers for Trunk or Treat. Please give Barb "a heads up" when you are possibly going to have a need for volunteers so she can be ready to send out a request for volunteers.
- **Website**-Krista Connor(Lea reported) Website is up an running all information is updated.

**Announcements**-Teacher incentive program is to boost teacher involvement. Teachers receive tickets for parent PTO members, attending PTO events, attending fundraisers. A winner is picked at the end of every month for a prize. Tickets stay for the entire year. Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Fuscellaro won this month Staples school supply baskets containing \$100 of school supplies.

VanZant students raised \$329 for pediatric Cancer.

**Raffle Winner**

Mrs. O'Neill and Stefanie Lange won Dunkin Donut gift cards.

**Next Meeting**

November 14 @ 7:00 pm VZ Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:56 p.m. and was passed unanimously.