

VZ PTO MEETING MINUTES

PTO Minutes November 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to wave the reading of October minutes.

Approved by 1st Jenn Yocum 2nd Nicole Meyers

Board

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

Special Presentation: Ms. Fusco, Ms. Radar, Ms. McMullen-C.A.R.E.S and Responsive Program

Officers Reports

President-Lea Ryan-Thank you to Mrs. Fusco, Mrs. Radar and Ms. McMullen for the presentation.

October Recap:

- **Internet safety assembly**-available on website in www.vanzantpto.org,
- **room rep tea**-thank you to room reps for healthy snacks
- **spirit sticks**-successful, kids are loving them, for December parties each student will receive spirit stick
- **newsletter**-have received positive feedback,
- **teacher incentive program**-tickets are given for events attended and coincides with the new state evaluation system,
- **book fair**-thank you to Jini for chairing,
- **trunk or treat**-thank you to Bridgit for chairing, we had 40 cars and over 100 students attend, thank for Mrs. Ricciardi and Ms. Santora for attending in costumes with family
- **Halloween parties**-(focus on fun not food)

November Preview:

- **Holiday shop**-Nov 18-22, thank you to Robin Foell and Nadya Bhamani for chairing,
fundraisers-there are 3 in November

- **Veteran's Day celebration**-wonderful program, coordinated by Ms. McMullen, several visitors attended,
- **turkey trot**-November 22, if anyone has a turkey to donate we need 4 total to donate to a family in need in the area,
- **parent visitation day** is November 8:30-10am

President's Meeting Notes:

- **The Evesham Education Foundation** along with WineWorks of Marlton are hosting a Wine dine and Win Jan 31, 2014 at the Mansion from 7-11 pm with VIP early access at 6pm, the
- **2014-2015 budget** is being developed, enrollment is down, there are some options please go on district website to review, superintendent is asking the board for a decision by January.
- **facebook page for Evesham Twp District** please "like" there is a separate photo release for students.
- **Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dani Magulick** she discussed common core standards, NCLB Update/State of the Schools and District focus areas.
- **Jersey Mike's** is hosting a fundraiser on Dec 16 and 17 for the Evesham Education Foundation you receive a free regular sub with a minimum \$2 donation to the foundation.

1st VP-Katie Alexander

- Thank you to Bridget Nelson & her committee for organizing a very fun & well received trunk or treat this year.
- The next school store is Dec. 11. Novelty Sprit Sticks will be on sale for a \$1.00
- Thank you to Nadia Bhamani & Robin Foell for co-chairing the Holiday Shops. The Holiday Shop is next week during your child's library time. Thursday schedule is a bit different because of an assembly so please review on the flyer that came home. The assembly will only effected 2-G (Mrs. Grossman) & 3-R (Ms. Rapczynski) classes. Please return the volunteer signup form by tomorrow or contact Nadia directly. The younger grades need a lot of help with budgeting & gift selection. Any help would be much appreciated.
The Board would like to take a poll of our members here tonight, if you would like a Sibling Shop on Tuesday night from 6-8pm?
All in favor 4 yes
All opposed

2nd VP-Wendy Palfy

Kids Stuff was successful, Spirit wear ended have until tomorrow by 3 pm to order. Monday November 25 is Chick fil a night need to have flyer, class with most participation wins a lunch with cow. We will have the cow game which is \$1 and spirit sticks for \$1. There will be a Five below fundraiser on 11/29-12/1 need flyer and VZ gets 10% of sales.

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

Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Sauer (Kim Reported)

Flowers sent to Sue Wilder-she had surgery

Ms. Merrill (resource room teacher) got married we sent her a congrats card with a gift card for Sur La Table (where she was registered)

Thank You Notes Received:

- 1.Sue Wilder for the beautiful arrangement
- 2.Mrs. Hughes was excited she won teacher incentive raffle last month. So was Mrs. Fusceller!
- 3.Third grade teachers loved the back to school luncheon.
- 4.Mrs.Fusceller thanks us for her welcome back flowers we sent from her being out on leave.

October PTO Teacher incentive program raffle winners: Mrs.Fusco and Mrs. Skiffington (gift cards to Lakeshore Learning Store)

Monthly Meeting Raffles: Gift cards to 5 Below with flyer about Black Friday weekend fundraiser for first to winners, the third winner receives \$20 to Holiday Shop.

1. Nicole Bailer
2. Stephanie Lange
3. Raelyn Banks

Treasurer-Marianne Vandyk- Reviewed & detailed P&L statement see report.

Principal's Report-Ms. McMullen-Introduced Mrs. Radar and Mrs. Bradshaw. Mrs. Bradshaw discussed fourth and fifth graders are participating in an on-line course called Bullying Academy it is a month long. Mrs. Radar talked about the beautiful Veterans Day assembly and how wonderful the children were throughout the presentation. Ms. McMullen- thank you to all the committees and PTO for all you do.

Unfinished Business

- Extra yearbooks for sale

New Business

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Committee Reports

- **Art Goes to School**-Nicole Meyers-Next committee meeting is November 21 at St. Joan's. April 28 to May 2, 2013 is week of show
- **Blood Drive**-Chris Sauer-Blood Drive is February.
- **Book Fair** Jini Webb-\$5517 PTO board chose cash instead of scholastic dollars which was \$1379.38. We sold 171 spirit sticks for a total \$1550 from book fair. The next book fair is February 24-28. Thank you to everyone that helped.
- **Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels** Sarah Barkow-Meet next week to count box tops from previous contest, winning class receives spirit stick.
- **Fifth (5th) Grade Activities**-Ana Heras/Maria Ferguson, supplied balloons for student council speeches/elections last week.
- **Fun Fair** Kerry Anyzek and Nicole Bailer-Looking for Game Room, cupcake/craft room, photo booth. We are going to have 6 new baskets; teachers from each grade level are going to create a basket. Mrs. Parsons will organize the teacher baskets. So far we have 10 donations. We will have an American girl doll this year, we receive 1 every 3 years. Mrs. Bradshaw would like to do a

related arts basket. Any gifts you don't want please donate to school attention fun fair. We also need basket filler, tissue paper, bows, etc. Please send in marked for "fun fair."

- **Holiday Shop/Secret Shop**-Nadia Bhamani and Robin Foell, The holiday shop is the week of November 18-22.
- **Hospitality** (Day) Dana Stancati (Evening)Michele Schmukler-please volunteer for next PTO meeting hospitality. There will be a Sign up genius for Decemeber 10 chorus concert for 5th and 4th grade parents.
- **Market Day** Jen Yocum & Lauren Gephart-Go to Marketday.com. The pie goal was met which increased profit, thank you. Need volunteers for pick up day, Tues November 19th
- **Membership/Room Reps** JeanMarie Farkas-As of November 14 there are 300 paid PTO members. If anyone has any other parent friends at VZ that are not members please explain the benefits of being a paid member. (ex.you are able to volunteer for classroom parties, attend field trips and membership dues go directly back into school for classroom technology, field trips, etc.) Thank you to all of the room reps and volunteers who did an amazing job with all of the classroom Halloween parties and for adhering to guidelines and providing children with a safe, happy and healthy Halloween party at VZ. Mrs. Riley will be contacting room reps in the nearby future in regard to the Adopt a Family program. Please check with your teachers and see what their guidelines are for Holiday parties. Some teachers have different ideas to parties rather than the traditional party with games and treats.
- **Newsletter** Wendy Duarte-Friday November 22, 2013 is the deadline for submission. Veteran's names were requested for newsletter and pictures of Veterans event, forward to Lea to check photo releases.

- **Pretzel Sales** will be selling candy cane pretzels the week of Dec. 16th for \$1.00 each. Delivery on Friday Dec 20th.
- **Recreation** Bridget Nelson- I would like to thank the committee members and Kacy Mikusa and the Board members for helping as well as Miss McMullen. Keep in mind candy bar bingo for January 24.
- **School Board Liaison** Sue Wilder-School board elections were held, there is 1 new member and 3 re-elected members.
- **School Store** Jini Webb-Last store was a huge hit b/c of spirit sticks, the profit was \$400 the next school store is Dec 11.
- **Science Spectacular** Beth Kromish- the flyer went home this Wednesday. Emails were sent out to those that presented last year. Need parent volunteers, please contact Beth Kromish to volunteer. Students from High School can participate.
- **Volunteer Recruitment**-Barb LaRue
- **Website**-Krista Connor- New committee member Tiffany Scott attended a training session to learn how updates to the site are made. Tiffany has been assisting with minor web site updates. During the month of October the website has been updated with the following information: PTO minutes, October/November president's messages, trunk or treat prize winners, market day dessert fundraiser, and room parents list. Two pages were added to the site: internet safety presentations page that contain presentations from NetSmartz Workshops. Spirit week merchandise page that contains images of new items for sale. Page was removed at end of sale. Reminder there are several links on the website that offer "green" options like our

lunch menu link that allows you to sign up for weekly lunch menu items to be emailed rather than print the monthly menu.

Next Meeting

December 12, 2013 @ 7:00 pm VZ Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:06 p.m. by 1. Nicole Meyers 2. Lauren Gephart