

VAN ZANT PTO MEETING MINUTES

PTO Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @ 7:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to wave the reading of January 2015 minutes.

Approved by 1st Betsy Veitch 2nd Nadia Bhimani

Board

Welcome and thank you for coming out. Please enjoy the light refreshments.

Special Presentation – Mr. Katz

- 1st google certified educator in the district. And is the technology lead to the teachers in VZ.
- Talked about the updating to the infrastructure and how you can have a signal all throughout the building.
- There is a technology camp for the teachers each summer that is well attended.

Officers Reports

President-Lea Ryan

January recap of events:

- Successful school store and DARE graduation.
- McPrincipal night and Candy Bar Bingo were both well attended.
- The blood drive had 27 participants and 5 walk ins.

Upcoming February events:

- VZ birthday is on Feb 12th.
- The heart shaped pretzel sale is going on now. Delivery is 2/12.

- The VZ skating party is on Feb 12th from 6-8.
- Book fair is Feb 23rd -27th. Volunteers are needed.
- Pancheros night will be Wednesday, Feb 25th from 4-8.

1st VP-Katie Alexander-see committee reports section

2nd VP-Wendy Palfy

- We raised between \$650-700 from McPrincipal night. Thanks for coming out. Mrs. Riccardi's class had the highest attendance, followed by Ms. Stevens and Ms. Crismon.
- Pancheros night is scheduled for February 25, 4pm-8pm. Spirit sticks will be on sale.

Recording Secretary-Lisa Thurow for Kristina Kennedy

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

Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Thurow

- Thank you cards were sent to teachers and staff that attended McPrincipal night.
- Flowers were sent to 2 of our committee members that underwent surgeries.
- Get well card was sent to Ms. Crismon who broke her wrist.
- Welcome to VZ cards were sent to two new one on one aids, Mr. Mercado and Ms. Valenza.

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

Principal's Report-Miss McMullen-

- 2/19 PARC parent presentation will be held.
- 2/13 in service day for teachers and there will be PARCC & SAGE training.

- Children are in process of taking mid-year math assessments and are doing really well.

Unfinished Business: By laws have been revised and will be re-written by Elisa Smith. There will also be a code of conduct implemented for the board and committee chairs next year. This will be voted on during March's meeting.

New Business: Yearbook pictures will be taken at March's meeting.

Committee Reports

- **5th Grade Activities-Jenn Yocum**

Please mark your calendar for a fundraiser at Pump It Up, on March 12, 6-8pm for 5th graders.

Tickets are \$10 or \$12 with pizza. 5th grade will make \$5 from each ticket. Colonial day will be held on April 2nd.

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

A meeting will be held on February 19th. And AGTS will be presented at VZ March 23-27th.

- **Blood Drive- Chris Sauer**

There were 27 register participants and 5 walk ins.

- **Book Fair: Jini Webb** Will be held on Feb 23-27. Volunteers are needed. A sign up genius will be sent out to volunteer.

- **Box Tops- Sarah Barkow** – Need someone to take over for next year and Sarah can train you this year.
- **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 businesses and collect donations (last year had 167 donations). A meeting to discuss Fun Fair will be set up by Kerry. And Kerry is looking to rent an outdoor inflatable for the fair.

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

Orders due by 2/17 and pick up is 2/24. We are at 63% of our goal for the gaga pit.

- **Membership - Jean Marie Farkas.**
- **Newsletter- Heather Ergood**
- **PTO Photographer- Jaime Frangella**

- **Pretzel Sales- Karen Maratea**

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

Karen needs assistance on 2/12 to bag the pretzels.

- **Recreation- Karen Glenney**

Approximately 200 people attended Candy bar bingo night. Many donations were collected. Next event is rolling skating party on 2/12 from 6-8pm.

Room Representatives-Jean Marie Farkas

School Board Liason- Sue Wilder

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on 2/26 at DeMasi.

- **School Store- Jini Webb**

Next school store is April 24th.

- **Science Spectacular- Lea Ryan**

This event will be held on 4/17 and all presenter spots have been filled. Information will be going out soon for volunteering that day.

- **Volunteer Recruitment- Barb LaRue**

- **Website-Krista Connor**

Next Meeting

March 5th @ 7:00 pm VZ Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:53pm. And was passed unanimously.
Approved by 1st Betsy Veitch 2nd Kerry Anyzek