

VAN ZANT PTO MEETING MINUTES

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March 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @7:05pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion to wave the reading of February's minutes.

Approved by † Nicole Myers Chris McIntyre

Board

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

PRESENTATION: MR. SCOTT KATZ (TECHNOLOGY)

Mr. Katz (grade teacher) is VZ technology coach and has a background in technology. VZ currently has 3 iPads in each K- grade classroom which provides for very interactive learning. The purposes of the iPads are to extend the classroom learning. Mr. Katz is also on the App Committee. If parents have apps that they think are good & their children like, please feel free to email Mr. Katz the info. He can preview & discuss at the next App Committee Meeting. VZ also has Chromebooks, which in essence is the shell that houses Google's operating system. The Chromebooks are powerful tools which enable real time collaboration & quick research. Google also has a "dashboard" in which the teacher can monitor from their own computer. Mr. Katz sees a need for more Chromebooks, especially in - grade classrooms. This summer more dedicated Wi-Fi access points will be installed because of the increasing use of the iPads, Chromebooks & Ereaders. Thank you to the PTO for all their generosity.

Officers Reports

President-Lea Ryan:

- February Recap: pretzel sale, VZ birthday (Disney songs), skating party (large turnout & great success), Pancheros, book fair (Thank you to Chris & Jini for a great bookfair).
- March Preview: Star watch (March if weather is not good it will be rescheduled to April 12), Volleyball Game (VZ vs. Evans), there will be a trophy to go back & forth between schools and t-shirts for sale, signup sheet for volleyball game to help out with different tables, science spectacular, Champps Night, yearbooks and Art Goes To School.
- We have two new committee chairs: Jini Webb will be taking over the Book fair & Wendy Duarte has taken over the Newsletter. Thank you to both of you for all of your hard work.

VP-Beth Kromish: Committees are going well.

VP-Wendy Palfy: Thank you to everyone who came out to support VZ at Panhero's Night. We made \$408.79. It was a great turnout. Champps Night in Monday March 5-9pm. Champps will donate 15% of ALL sales. It does not include the bar. Eat in or take out. The annual Volleyball game is Wednesday March . Tickets are \$3.00 each which includes 1 volleyball game night soundtrack. T-shirt orders are due by Monday March . We will not accept any late orders. We have sold 65 t-shirts so far. Yearbooks are now on sale until Thurs March . We have sold 83 yearbooks so far. The secret shop is booked. We are trying a new company called the "School Holiday Shop". They will provide everything EXCEPT tablecloths & gift bags, since they primarily due Holiday (Christmastime) Shops. We will have to purchase more gift bags or wrapping paper. The Secret Shop is April -May . We will host a summer VZ Reunion at the Camden Riversharks Stadium. A fun family night with fireworks. Friday August 7pm. Tickets will include your game

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ticket, a full buffet menu with roast beef, baked ziti and hotdogs. Adult tickets are \$30.00pp & children tickets are \$25.00pp. The PTO will make \$5 from each ticket sold. The stadium will also provide a basket to be raffled off with RiverSharks merchandise & a signed ball. It should be a really fun evening, so put the date on your summer calendars.

Recording Secretary-Katie Alexander: Please sign in. Also just to clarify, the CD that will be given out at the Volleyball game is comprised of music chosen by the graders from VZ & Evans schools. The volleyball game "soundtrack" will be played throughout stoppages and in between the three games being played on game night.

Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Sauer: The PTO sent congratulatory cards to both Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Coles on the birth of their granddaughters. We also sent flowers to Ms. Cunningham because she underwent a tonsillectomy. And we sent a personalized baby gift block to Mrs. Bellina on the birth of her new baby girl.

Treasurer -Marianne VanDyk: Reviewed & detailed Profit & loss statement.

Principal's Report- Rosemary McMullen: Thank you to Chris McIntyre for all your hard work over the years. Thank you to Mrs. Webb for taking over the Book Fair. There will be ½ days next week for conferences & and an in-service on Friday. We have COGATS next Wednesday & Thursday for & graders. It is important that the students are here on time. I just became aware of some issues with students and Instagram & OOVO. When they interfere with school I need to address it. Please check what your kids are doing on these sites. We are going to try & have a workshop for parents after spring break. Mrs. Rader is looking to integrate these "apps" & websites into her anti-bullying program.

Unfinished/Old Business: NA

New Business

NOMINATION COMMITTEE SELECTION AND EXPLANATION ON ELECTION PROCESS

The March meeting has to pick 3 members and 1 alternate for the nomination committee to prepare the slate to be presented in April. Elections take place in May.

Lea will choose the chairperson for the committee.

Lea (Myself) & Katie will receive the letters of intent.

All the positions are open. Beth is unable to run again because she has been in the same position for 3 years.

Is there anyone that is willing to serve on the nominating committee?

Lauren Gebhart, Jini Webb, Jen Nigro & Nicole Bailer as alternate.

Is there anyone interested in being the chairperson of this committee?

Jini Webb volunteered to chair the committee & was approved by Lea Ryan.

Nomination Committee has been confirmed.

Committee Reports

- **Art goes to school-DINA AMBROSE** AGTS is scheduled for April - during your child's regular art class. Flyers to go home before Spring-Break.
- **Blood Drive-KIM KULINSKI** NP

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- **Box Tops/Campbell Soup/Capri Sun**- SARAH BARKOW NP (Reported by Beth Kromish)
BoxTops were just sent in on March . Our acct will be credited as soon as they confirm our numbers. The BoxTop contest is going great and we have many entries already.
- **Bylaws**- ELISSA SMITH NP (Reported by Lea Ryan) Elissa is updating our Bylaws & Standing Rules.
- **Courtyard** – RAYE LYNN BANKS NP
- **Fifth Grade Activities** – SOPHIA MOWAD/JEN KOTCH(reporting) Colonial Day is coming up at the end of March. Pie Fundraiser through Market Day. March is the Market Day sale end date. The class with most pies sold will win a pizza party. Pasta Night is April Lisa Withman is the contact person. The food is being donated by Carabaras again. The Pool Party is scheduled for June RD June . DJ is confirmed
- **Fun Fair** – KERRY ANYZEK/NICOLE BAILER(reporting) Fun Fair is scheduled for Sat May . Rain OR Shine 10am-2pm.
- **Hospitality**-NICOLE MEYERS Thanks to everyone that brought in snacks. We need help with hospitality for Science Spectacular & Teacher Luncheon. We will be using SignUp Genius so we don't have duplicated food items.
- **Market Day**-JENN YOCUM/LAUREN GEBHART(reporting) Dana Stancati has been helping us out & has been great . Bonus Day Pie Sales.
- **Membership/ Room Reps**- JEAN MARIE FARKAS NP (Reported by Lea Ryan) Room reps will be coming in to help out with Science Spectacular. Letters for Fun Fair raffle baskets will go out next week.
- **Newsletter**- WENDY DUARTE If you need anything added to the newsletter please email me at wendyduarte@gmail.com. Anything by email is better than paper.
- **Book Fair**-CHRIS MCINTYRE We collected \$6,000 in cash sales. \$1,594 is what we are taking in cash. We have \$2500 scholastic dollars. Teachers are making their lists. Each teacher has \$40 scholastic dollars to purchase books. Jini is going to be great as the new chair person.

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- **Recreation-** BRIDGET NELSON NP (Reported by Beth Kromish) Skating party was a huge success. Would like to have it again on a holiday weekend. We had a great turn-out.
- **School Board Liaison** – SUE WILDER NP (Reported by Lea Ryan) The BOE is keeping buses & drivers, more cost effective, rerouting some bus routes and not using as many Hillman buses as we have in the past. Club fees will start again but not sure if it will be a flat fee or for each club. Tentative approval for school year 13-14 budget. MMS Boys & Girls Basketball Teams were honored
- **School Store** – JINI WEBB **3/20**
- **Science Spectacular** – KIM WARNER NP (Reported by Marianne VanDyk) All of our presenters are set. New free community outreach programs are presenting including Sahara Sam's Sambulance & Safe Routes to school. The Franklin Institute will also be presenting. We need room rep coverage to cover lunches. Kids eat in the classroom that day but we need coverage because the teachers leave the classroom for lunch.
- **TD Bank Kids** – ERIN BORMAN They haven't showed up for 2 months. We have only had one new account opened this year. We are the only school that TD Bank comes to anymore. Maybe we can have someone from TD Bank come to the PTO meeting. It promotes savings for the kids. First Wednesday of every month.
- **Volunteer Recruitment** – BARB LARUE NP

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Announcements:

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

3/27 is the final budget presentation at Marlton Middle

4/16 Senior Citizen Dessert Theatre at Marlton Middle School

Full Day Kindergarten- 10 more slots available throughout the district

Golf Outing June Little Mill Golf Outing

Saint Joan of Arc Golf Outing is scheduled for May

Marlton Elementary Movie Night will be showing Wreck it Ralph

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Wendy Duarte & Erin Borman

Next Meeting April 11, 2013 @ 7:00 pm ROOM 124.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:28

Approval Jen Nigro & Approval Lauren Gephart.

All in favor; passed unanimously.