

# VZ PTO MEETING MINUTES

## **PTO Minutes May 9, 2013**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to wave the reading of April's minutes.  
Approved by Arlene Harvey Nicole Meyers

### **Board**

The Board and principal were introduced. Thank you for coming. Thank you to Nicole Meyers for organizing and for those who provided hospitality throughout the year. We appreciate your donations.

### **Officers Reports**

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

#### **April Review**

AGTS-The Stary Night print won. It will be presented to the VZ PTO @ September's meeting.

Instrumental Concert went well. Mr. Schaffle & Mrs. Melamed did an awesome job.

Kindergarten registration went well

Congratulations to the fifth grade activities committee for a great job with pasta night.

Secret Shop was very very successful. Thank you to Nicole Bailer for spearheading this event.

Bebop with Aesop Concert was very entertaining. The kids did a great job. Thank you to Mrs. Wasdick, Mrs. Parsons & Ms. Merrill.

#### **May Preview**

Teacher appreciation is this Friday 5/10/13. Sign up to bring an item into school through SignupGenius.com. Thanks to Nicole Meyers for setting up & organizing luncheon.

The Fun Fair is this Saturday 5/11/13 from 10am-2pm.

Kindergarten Tea- The new kindergarteners will come in and spend some time with the current kindergarten classes while their parents enjoy a presentation from Ms. McMullen & Lea Ryan.

Field Day is Tuesday June . It is an early dismissal day. The theme for this year is Fitness Hero's. You will be able to sign up to help out through Signupgenius.com.

The IceCream Social is set for May 31, 2013 from 6:30-8:30pm. The ice cream will be provided by DaddyO's.

**VP-Beth Kromish**

The end of the year PTO celebration will be at Champps on June or @ 6:30pm.

**VP-Wendy Palfy**

The Riversharks Beef & Beer is Friday August 2, 2013 @ 7pm. There are a limited amount of tickets & will sell out quickly. The flyers for this event went home last week. We have already started to get orders back. Consider coming out & joining us! It will be a great game with fireworks, dining & air conditioning.

We are finalizing the Kidsmart school supply list. Information will go home in a week or two. If you are interested, you will be able to buy your kit online. The PTO will not collect any money; it will all be done online. This is not a fundraiser but simply a service to our families.

Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraisers throughout the year.

**Recording Secretary-Katie Alexander-** Encourage all to sign-in.

**Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Sauer**

We received a thank you from Ms. Merrill for the flowers we sent her.

We also gave flowers to Mrs. Parsons & Mrs. Wasdick for the Showstoppers/Chorus concert.

**Treasurer-Marianne Vandyk-** Reviewed & detailed P&L statement.

**Principal's Report**

Principal Rosemary McMullan presented her report.

Kindergarten Full Day is maximized at 20 students; 1 student is on the waiting list. That is the maximum because it is a paid class. Two ½ day sessions with a total of 35 students registered. We will have roughly around the same enrollment numbers as this year but spread out differently. There will be 4 classes of grade, 3 classes of grade, 4 classes of grade, 4 classes of grade and 4 classes of grade. grade will go down a class size but grade will increase in size. The PM kindergarten class will attend the June AM class for Field Day.

NJ ASK testing for the graders has been conducted this week. Next week the & graders will be taking the ASK test. This is a really exhausting test for our students. We are trying to give the kids free time outside after testing to relax. So far the weather has cooperated.

There will be a meeting for Tier III on May . Tier III is for children that accelerate in reading, math & language arts. If a student excels in these areas they will be tested by the district. If they "pass" the exam their teachers will implement enriched learning for these students. All grade level teachers have been trained to implement education for Tier III students. Also, we will elaborate on all learning styles and how they are addressed in the classroom with Tier III being one of the programs that we use.

Next school year there will be a onetime \$95 activity fee per child to participate in afterschool clubs. There will not be a maximum child payment limit per household. If you find this is an economic burden for your family, please contact the district & they will look into alleviating the financial hardship on a family by family basis.

Bricks for Kids & Housel Fitness are separate businesses and are not included in the \$95 fee. I am requesting for 4 active boards for each of our special education classes. The special education students need to receive the same instruction. The district will be buying one for our additional grade class. We are good on laptops.

The grade has opted to have an assembly "Tales from the Heart" instead of a field trip

June & are out last days of school & are half days.

Thank you to AGTS. It was a beautiful presentation. We had a lot of parents attend.

The secret shop was very successful & the kids were very happy. The students were able to make their selections quickly.

Mrs. DeFeo took a maternity leave before spring break & she still has not had baby yet. We are waiting.

Happy Mother's Day!

### **Ufinished Business**

Myself (Lea Ryan), Beth Kromish, Katie Alexnader and Wendy Palfy attended the PTO Expo in Somerset NJ. We got a lot of great ideas for next year. Thank you to the PTO for paying for our registration to this event.

### **New Business**

Nomination Committee of election slate for the 2013-2014 is as follows: President, Lea Ryan. Are

there any nominations from the floor for President? Nay. Nominations are closed. VP, Katie

Alexander. Are there any nominations from the floor for VP? Nay. Nominations are closed. VP,

Wendy Palfy. Are there any nominations from the floor for VP? Nay. Nominations are closed.

Treasurer, Marianne VanDyk. Are there any nominations from the floor for Treasurer? Nay.

Nominations are now closed. Recording Secretary, Kim Kulinski. Are there any other nominations

from the floor for Recording Secretary? Nay. Nominations are now closed. Corresponding

Secretary, Lisa Sauer. Are there any nominations from the floor for Corresponding Secretary? Nay.

Nominations for Corresponding Secretary are now closed. Because there are no challenges from

the floor we can vote. All those in favor of Lea Ryan for President; 16 votes; elected. All those in

favor of Katie Alexander for VP; 16 votes; elected. All those in favor of Wendy Palfy for VP; 16

votes; elected. All those in favor of Marianne VanDyk for Treasurer; 16 votes; elected. All those in

favor of Kim Kulinski for Recording Secretary; 16 votes; elected. All those in favor of Lisa Saurer

for Recording Secretary; 16 votes; elected. Congratulations Everyone!

### **Committee Reports** (\*NP denotes Not Present)

- **Art Goes to School** Dina Ambrose **NP(Arlene Harvey presented)** The kids were so excited & jumped right in . Every district elementary school has voted on a different print for their respective

schools. VZ students chose Starry Night. We had phenomenal presentations. The kids love the "magical" pencils.

- **Blood Drive** Kim Kulinski Nothing to report.
- **By-Laws** Elissa Smith **NP**
- **Book Fair** Jini Webb Ms. McMullen purchased books for the student's birthdays for the 2013-2014 school year.
- **Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels** Sarah Barkow **NP (Lea Ryan presented)** We are going to run quarterly contests next year because we were so successful with our last contest.
- **Court Yard.**
- **Fifth () Grade Activities** Jen Kotch & Sophia Mowad **NP (Lea Ryan & Arlene Harvey presented)** Lisa Witham and her committee did a great job with coordinating & organizing Pasta Night. Carabas was great to work with. The pool party is set. T-shirts are ordered. Field trips are planned & permissions slips sent out.
- **Fun Fair** Kerry Anyzek & Nicole Bailer We have approx. 53 baskets this year. We still need decorations for the Cupcake Wars. Rain or Shine we are on. The prize room is in Room 124 this year. The hope is that it will be easier to manage.
- **Holiday Shop/Secret Shop** Myriam Sanie & Nicole Bailer

- **Hospitality** Nicole Meyers Thank you to those that brought food for tonight. The board will provide June & Septembers' meeting hospitality. Thank you to all that brought snacks for the chorus concert. And thank you to those that are bringing items in for the Teachers Luncheon.
- **Market Day** Lauren Gephart & Jen Yocum Online ordering cut off is May . Sale pickup is 5/28 from 6-7pm.
- **Membership** JeanMarie Farkas **NP** No change in membership.
- **Newsletter** Wendy Durate **NP(Lea Ryan presented)** All items to be added please send to Wendy @ [@gmail](#). by May .
- **Pretzel/Ice Cream Social** Michelle McAndrews DaddyO's will provide the ice cream. May 6:30-8:30. Each table will have pretzels and puzzles. We need volunteers for scooping ice cream.
- **Recreation** Bridget Nelson **NP**
- **Room Reps** JeanMarie Farkas **NP (Lea Ryan reporting)** Thank you to reps for organizing grade level baskets.
- **School Board Liaison** Sue Wilder **NP**
- **School Store** Jini Webb The next school store is scheduled for May 22, 2013. The Kindergarteners will have a chance to shop in June.
- **Science Spectacular** Kim Warner **NP**

- **TD Bank** Erin Borman **NP**
  
- **Volunteer Recruitment** Barb Larue Thank you to everyone that has volunteered. We are in pretty good shape. If you can help out please contact me [@verizon.](mailto:barb.larue@verizon.com)

**Announcements:** Quinn McCarthy's (3rd grader/Mrs. Hughes) artwork was displayed at the library. Mrs. Hughes's class wrote about a subject that they were "experts" in. They then made display boards with researched pictures to include on their boards. They then presented them to the class to "teach" their classmates about their subject. Mrs. Hughes's then picked a few that she thought were outstanding to be displayed in the library. We are very proud of our students. District Art Show begins next week on 5/14-5/23 @ the Municipal Building for the week. Opening gala begins at 5pm.

**Raffle Winners** Nadia Bhimini & Michelle McAndrews; presented with gifts from HomeGoods.

**Next Meeting**

June 13 @ 7:00 pm Room 124

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:04

Approval Nadia Bhimani Jini Webb

Passed unanimously.