

VAN ZANT PTO MEETING MINUTES

PTO Minutes October 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @ 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to wave the reading of September 2014 minutes.

Approved by 1st Jen Yocum 2nd Sue Wilder

Board

The Board, principal and guests were introduced. Welcome and thank you for coming. Please enjoy the light refreshments. Check out our new bulletin board....

Officers Reports

President-Lea Ryan

President's meeting recap:

- **The monthly meeting was held on 10/1. The new business administrator will start 11/1.**
- **Teacher negotiations will start 1/01/2015.**
- **The Board will undergo state monitoring this year; this occurs every 4 years.**
- **There are new state changes to the Student Attendance policy. Now the only Excused absences will be for Religious holidays and Take your child to work day. All other absences will fall under the category of unexcused absences, while absences that are related to truancy will remain separate.**
- **The next Board of Education meeting will be held on 10/23. All are encouraged to attend.**
- **Demasi will be hosting a Coach Bag Bingo at 6pm on October 17.**

October events: Kids stuff sale ends 10/6. The room rep tea was held today. Thank you to Jean Marie. School store 10/10 during lunch time, spirit wear sale 10/14 – 10/28, book fair set up 10/17 at 2pm in the library. Book Fair will be held during child's library time, 10/20 – 10/24, book fair family night 10/21. 10/24 Trunk or Treat, School pics 10/30, Halloween parade and parties

Upcoming November events: Teacher conferences and days ornament sale 11/10-11/24, PTO meeting 11/13, school store 11/14, Chick Fil A night 11/17

1st VP-Katie Alexander-Please see committee reports section. Thank you to all those who have volunteered.

2nd VP-Wendy Palfy

- **KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS:** Ended Monday, 10/6. We still have 46 outstanding books. Please send in your money or your book ASAP. We have taken in \$3250.00. Which means our profit, to date, is \$1625.00. That is only about ½ of what we made last year.
- **VAN ZANT SPIRIT SALE:** October 14 – October 28th Flyers will go home next week. We will be featuring a new product of Elite socks for \$18 a pair. All the products are available through the school store website; www.vanzantpto.org.
- **HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS:** November 10th – November 24th they can be purchased for \$10, and also available for sale on our website.
- **Chick-fil-a Night:** Monday, November 17th from 4-9 pm please remember to bring your flyer. The class with the most participation wins a free lunch and a visit from the Cow. It does include the drive thru. Spirit Sticks will be sold. They did sell out early last year, so make sure you stop by.

Recording Secretary-Kristina Kennedy

- Encourage all to sign-in.
- The Volunteer of the month of September was Joanne Robinson. She received a Starbucks gift card.

Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Thurow

- Flowers will be sent to Shaun Parker who is getting married later this month.
- We received a thank you card from Joanne Robinson.

Treasurer-Joanna Litsky

- Please see attached treasurer's report

Principal's Report-Miss McMullen

- Thank you to the PTO. Thank you to all staff and parents for your support.
- There was a minor bus accident today. A bus bumped into another bus. The police were called; however, NO children were hurt.
- Enterovirus: Please remain diligent about washing your hands with soap and water. This virus is resistant to antibacterial soap. The school custodial staff wipes down all desks, door handles, and cafeteria tables, nightly. For more information, please refer to the website listed in the letter from John Scavelli.
- October: Finishing Respect Week. Next are Fire Prevention Week and Red Ribbon Week to highlight Halloween safety.
- November: Teacher Conferences 11/3, 11/4, 11/5. Education Week will be held on 11/17. Parents will be able to visit their child's classroom that week. 11/18 is the VZ Turkey Feast.

Committee Reports Art

- **Goes to School- Nicole Meyers reported they meet at St. Joan of Arc from 9:30am-11am on 10/16, 10/30/11/13 and 11/20. AGTS is offering discounted tickets to the Philadelphia Museum of Art Arts & Crafts Show at the Philadelphia convention center Nov 6th-9th. \$10.00 each through advance sales. Please contact AGTS Chairperson Nicole Myers at woodstreamdream@gmail.com by Wednesday Oct.15th if you are interested in tickets.**
- **Book Fair- Jini Webb. Book Fair set up in in the library on 10/17 at 2pm. Book Fair will occur during your child's library time during the week of 10/20 – 10-/24. Book Fair Family Night is on 10/21.**
- **Box Tops- Sarah Barkow. The contest is currently going on. The class with the most box tops will win spirit sticks.**

- **Fun Fair-** Kerry Anyzek reported that letters and emails have been sent. 2 donations have already been received. We are looking for 10 parents to help solicit local businesses. Also, we are asking parents to donate large coffee containers.
- **Holiday Shop-** Jenine Dolores is our new chairperson.
- **Market Day-** Jen Yocum reported that flyers were sent home with students last week. Market Day is an online grocery service. Our goal is \$1200; the funds will be allocated to the new gaga pit. The orders are due next Wednesday.
- **Membership/Room Reps-** Jean Marie Farkas. Room Reps have been chosen. Membership is off to a good start; however, we are still striving for classes with full paid members.
- **Newsletter-** Heather Ergood. If you wish to post anything in the newsletter, please email Lea.
- **PTO Photographer.** We have a new chairperson, Jaime Frangella . This committee will take pictures of all PTO events. All photos will be approved by Mrs. McMullen and Lea before they are posted.
- **Recreation-** Karen Glenney reported our first event is Trunk or Treat on 10/24. Flyers went home this week. There is one change to the event, All children must have a parent or guardian with them at all times.
- **School Board Liaison-** Sue Wilder reported that the next election is on 11/4. There are 3 open seats. Candidate night is on 10/22 at 7:30pm at Evans School. All are

encouraged to attend. The next Board of Education meeting is on 10/23 at 7pm at DeMasi School.

- Website- Krista Connor. www.vanzantpto.org is now updated. Please check out the new look of the online store.
 - The calendar now shows all PTO events.
 - You can join PTO membership online.
 - All committee chairperson email address are now posted
 - All PTO documents including the newsletter and all meeting minutes
 - School Store
 - Yearbooks are now on sale for Kindergarten through 4th grade.
- We are still in need a chairperson and 1 committee person for Science Spectacular
- And 1 committee person is needed for Evening Hospitality.

Thank you for all your support.

Next Meeting

November 13th @ 7:00 pm VZ Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m. and was passed unanimously
Approved by 1st Jen Yocum 2nd Blyth Long .