

VAN ZANT PTO MEETING MINUTES

PTO Minutes

Date of Meeting: September 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Liz Baugh @ 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to wave the reading of June 2016 minutes.

Approved by 1st Nicole Benson 2nd Angela Masson

Board

Welcome and thank you for coming out.

Officers' Reports

President-Liz Baugh

- Liz stated that the minutes will be on the PTO website.
- She introduced the Board and began an icebreaker activity.
- Liz reminded attendees to complete the Survey Monkey. She welcomed comments.
- Liz encouraged parents to join text reminders. Text @7h294 to 81010

September/October Preview:

*****Ongoing-Sign up for PTO membership online on the PTO website.**

Current-Save Around Coupon Book is currently on sale for \$25. It can be purchased on the PTO website under the School Store section. A flyer will be going out and purchases can be made through that, too. There is an app that can be downloaded so that the coupons will go onto the app, and it isn't necessary to have the book at the time of the purchase.

September 16, 2016 is the Back to School Staff Breakfast. Marguerite is hoping to get more hot items this year, and she is willing to help out in any way. She is still in need of people to set up and clean up. Sign up Genius is live. Please sign up there.

September 22, 2016 from 4-8 Pat's Select -The school will receive 20% back for dining in, taking out, and delivery just mention that it is for Van Zant school.

October-Spirit wear will go on sale.

October 28, 2016- Trunk or Treat- It is a safe way to trick or treat. The children come through the gym and go outside. They are able to go around two times. It lasts approximately an hour and fifteen minutes. Please bring a bag of candy.

1st VP-Lea Ryan

1. Wendy Palfy explained what is involved with Art Goes to School. She displayed the winning art piece. The dates will be March 20th-March 24th 2017. Wendy requested a copy of the art schedule.
2. The Book Fair Committee was explained. This is a great give back to our school. Van Zant participates in "All for Books". All funds collected are used to buy more books from the Book Fair. The funds can be used for donating to another school or community organization in need of books. Scholastic Book Fair matches monetary donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund. Last year books went to our Reading Recovery program and books were donated to the VZ library. The first book fair will be on October 17, 2016.
3. The Box Top Committee was explained by Betsy Veitch. She stated that it is an easy and fun committee. She will send a link for a contest through September where the school can win 10,000 box tops. The class with the largest participation wins spirit sticks.
4. The Blood Drive will be held in February. There is not much needed to do on this committee; a liaison is needed.
5. The Fun Fair will be the Saturday before Mother's Day. Kerry Anyzek will be the chairperson, once again. There are pictures from last year on our Facebook page. We need several volunteers for this event.
6. The Holiday Shop will begin on December 5, 2016. Lauren Guzzo will be the chairperson.
7. Marguerite Mayhugh is in charge of Hospitality. The Back to School Staff Breakfast will be on September 16, 2016. Marguerite is hoping to get more hot items this year, and she is willing to help out in any way. She is still in need of people to set up and clean up. Sign up Genius is live. Please sign up there.
8. The Recreation Committee is being run by Karen Glenney and Bob Kibler.

*The first event will be Trunk or Treat. This is scheduled for October 28, 2016. It is a safe way to trick or treat. The children come through the gym and go outside. They are able to go around two times. It lasts approximately an hour and fifteen minutes. Please bring a bag of candy.

*The Skating Party will be on January 15, 2017.

*Candy Bar BINGO will be January 27, 2017.

*The Ice Cream Social will be June 2, 2017.

9. Room Representatives are being organized by Melissa Gayle and Lauren Bianchi. There is a Live Link to sign up to be a Room Parent. This can be done by signing up on Group Vine. It is necessary to be a PTO member.
10. Science Spectacular will be on March 31, 2017. This needs to be a large committee. Please consider signing up. Parent volunteers and community members give lessons on science. It is a free day of science sponsored by the PTO.
11. The School Store is held during lunch about once a month. Students can purchase items like folders and spirit sticks etc. Parents/Guardians can purchase PTO cards via the PTO website. The PTO keeps track of the cards and will send e-mails with the balance of the cards prior to the next School Store. This way there is no need to worry about remembering to give cash on shopping days. This is a good committee to join because it is not a huge commitment.
12. The Volunteer Bank is run by Meghan Gallo. This is a great way to get involved without running a committee. This is a nice way to begin helping out for new family members. Megan receives a call when the PTO is in need of volunteers. She reaches out to the bank to see if someone is able to help.
13. The Website is going to be taken over by Bob Kibler.

2nd VP-Lisa Thurow

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- Dine Out Pat's Select (Marlton Crossing) will be on September 22, 2016 from 4-8. The school will receive 20% back. They will be doing this for dining in, taking out, and delivery just mention that it is for Van Zant school.
- Spirit Wear sales will begin in October. There will be items on display at Back to School Night.

Lisa explained that participation in fundraisers is important and everything goes back to the students at VZ.

A member of the PTO mentioned that Field Trips are sponsored by the PTO. This is not a district wide rule.

Recording Secretary-Kelly Mc Kernan

The attendees were reminded to:

- Sign in
- sign up for PTO membership
- increase their chances at winning a gift card by volunteering and coming to meetings

Corresponding Secretary-Jennine Dolores

Jennine explained the duties of the Corresponding Secretary. Jennine will be sending the weekly reminders via email on Sunday.

Treasurer-Joanna Litsky—

Lea reported on Joanna's behalf. The End of Year balance was approximately \$24,000. There were five chromebooks purchased, the account needed to be rectified with a teacher, administrator fees, etc. which brought our starting balance to approximately \$19,000 as of August 16, 2016.

Looking ahead-This year the fundraisers will be even more important due to the consolidation of Evans. VZ is projected to gain an additional 139 students.

Announcements:

The PTO would like to extend a huge thank you to Miss Mc Mullen for all that she has done for the students at Van Zant school throughout the years. She will be greatly missed.

Principal's Report-Miss McMullen

Miss Mc Mullen thanked and welcomed new and familiar faces. She thanked the PTO for the donation of the student's folders and agenda books.

She stated that Mrs. Screnci will be attending Back to School Night. She will be in the All Purpose Room from 7:05-7:25.

Questions and Comments:

Folders are being compiled for each chairperson with their committee members. If you are a chairperson, you will be receiving this shortly.

Betsy Veitch stated to not be afraid to volunteer. She said that the board will help walk through any questions or concerns that may arise. There will always be a board member at events to collect money.

Committee Reports

Next Meeting

October 6, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the VZ Library

Liz thanked everyone for coming and read the quote by Henry Ford, "Coming together is a beginning; staying together is progress; working together is success."

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m

Approved by

1st Betsy Veitch 2nd Nicole Benson