

Primary Village South PTO Meeting

February 7, 2023

PVS Cafe *childcare provided*

Kelsey called meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Amy Allen were present.

1. Welcome & Board Introductions (Kelsey McLachlan)

2. Secretary's Report (Mackenzie Graves)

- a. January Minutes on website—highlights we discussed:
 - i. Winterfest results
 - ii. Spending ideas
 - iii. Upcoming book fair

3. Principal's Report (Amy Allen)

- a. Valentine party planning is happening within each class
- b. Monthly Peace Rallies centered around Word of the Month
 - i. January was Perseverance—it's been fun to see even the little kids wrapping heads around what it means and how put it into application within the classroom; to show grit and perseverance in their work
 - ii. February is Honesty.
 - iii. The kids are loving the Peace Rallies. We go over what we've learned, sing songs, and then play games where teachers compete in front of kids and they go crazy for it.
 - iv. ***Social post reminder to wear Peace shirts for the rallies
- c. Flying through ot the end of the year—spring conferences are quickly coming

4. Treasurer's Report (Kristen Cochran*)

- a. Taxes are filed
- b. Bank account currently at \$38,600

5. President/ VP Report (Kelsey McLachlan & Amy Allgeier)

- a. Community Rewards Update
 - i. Amazon is ending their AmazonSmile program, Feb. 2023
- b. VIP PTO member social media spotlight
 - i. Please remember to submit the questionnaire
- c. PTO Board Spending/Budget Meeting Highlights
 - i. Approved Spending: \$20-25k through the end of the year (with the goal to start '23/24 school year with account balance of \$15k)
 - 1. Additional Teacher Allotments: \$2,650

- a. \$50 Amazon giftcard to each
 - i. This is in lieu of the Teacher Wishlist idea; easier for them to just get what they want/need as needed
 - ii. Already receiving emails thanking PTO for support
- 2. Field Trips (In-house)
 - a. Spring: Wings of Wonder from the Cincinnati Zoo
 - b. Fall: Boonshoft Museum on Wheels (STEM based activities)
- 3. Literacy Night–March 2
 - a. This is a teacher/staff planned event but the PTO is helping supply:
 - i. Donuts Holes from Bill's Donuts
 - ii. Popcorn–CWFD is lending us their popcorn maker
 - iii. Character Costume rentals: Stella Luna, Curious George, Junie B Jones, Peter Rabbit, Wild Thing, Maisy (Weebee Elk and Safety Pup)
- 4. Outdoor Update
 - a. Biggest spend planned for Spring 2023
 - b. The Outdoor Classroom (meadow, woods, bird blind, benches, mulched trail, bird sanctuary, pond, kitchen garden, sensory garden) equals a lot of upkeep
 - c. Meeting with the WTPD to partner with and talk about ways we can make updates
 - d. Outdoor tends to be big ticket items, looking to utilize Fun Run funds and PTO funds
 - e. Laura Peterson, our naturalist, has a list of ideas and opportunities to invest in
 - f. Open to ideas and input from parents as well!
- 5. Spring Conferences
- 6. Bus Driver Appreciation
 - a. Bills Donuts and gift card to drivers and helpers
- 7. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - a. Looking to do Spirit Week again (Monday: give your teacher a card; Tuesday: where your teacher's favorite color; etc.)
 - b. PTO to provide two meals throughout the week
- 8. Additional Spending Ideas
 - a. Centerville Safe
 - i. Monetary donation to support this organization that supplies families with resources for gun/school safety
 - b. Centerville Adopt-A-Family
 - i. Monetary donation to support this District-based charity that supports students/families with food,

- school supplies, and clothing throughout the year as well as present during the holidays
- c. Field Day Treat
 - i. Looking to provide students and staff with a sweet treat during field day at the end of the year
 - 1. Frios Popsicles
 - a. Attendees sampled different flavors during the February PTO meeting
 - b. Cost would be \$4/each (~600 students + 50 teachers=\$2600)
 - c. Overall feedback was it seems pricey and too “gourmet” for students to appreciate ****great idea to utilize maybe for teacher appreciation for a courtyard
 - 2. Kona Ice
 - a. Cost would be \$1.5/each student – free for faculty/staff (under \$1000)
- d. Outdoor Family Movie Night/Bingo Night
 - i. Blowup screen rental \$1200-\$1400
 - ii. Plus copyright fee for the movie we watch ~\$80?
 - iii. Possibly look into renting a movie theatre?

6. Committee Reports

- a. Winterfest (Katie Johnson* & Laura McAlpine*)
 - i. Volunteer Needed for next year to fill Co-Chair Role
 - ii. see January notes for more info
- b. Fundraising Coordinator (Mike Mealiff)
 - i. January 24th–Panda Express: \$126
 - 1. Meaning only 15-20 families participated
 - ii. February 20th–SkyZone
 - iii. Witt’s Frozen Custard not responsive; try Rapid Fire, Scoops
 - iv. Seeing concerning lower numbers; are families being too inundated with too many across the different schools/extra curriculars hosting restaurant takeovers? Or is the tracking/qualification becoming too much?
 - 1. Ideas voiced to look at different fundraisers, not restaurant takeovers; change from monthly to quarterly
 - 2. Try to have more straightforward monthly fundraisers for specific purposes; “Donate \$5 to help us reach our _____ goal”
 - 3. Quarterly update of spending to families showing what money is going to
 - 4. “Double-dip” when we are doing restaurant fundraisers: Hospitality buy lunch for staff from the restaurant
- c. Homeroom Parent Coordinator (Krystin Fakalata*)
- d. Hospitality Co-Coordinators (Reddy Yelanki* & Jen Lubbers*)

- i. March Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 1. Sign ups are already ready to go!
 - 2. Doing pickup instead of delivery to save money
 - 3. Asking for more specific numbers of items requested this time
 - 4. Asking for 15 gift cards instead of 10
 - 5. All donations to be brought in by Friday
 - 6. Meals on March 15 and March 21
 - 7. Milanos, Old Scratch, and Panera (has Panera GC leftover from fall)
- e. Book Fair Coordinators (Nikki Antrobus* & Beth Lippencott & Sarah Lawson)
 - i. Feb. 20- March 3
 - ii. Volunteer Sign-Up for Book Fair and Literacy Night went out
 - 1. Add teacher names to the time slots so parents can coordinate volunteering when their student will be there
 - 2. *****Send out through social media
 - iii. Preschool doesn't go through book fair but can shop with family during Literacy Night
 - iv. 3 cash registers for Literacy Night
 - v. ~\$1000 donation from community member, for children who don't bring money. PTO to front the money and supply donor with a list.
 - vi. Teachers are completing their wish list of books
- f. Curriculum Advisory Council (Alora Glumm*)
- g. Directory Assembly (Jenna Denlinger*)
- h. Social Media (Mackenzie Graves)

7. Open Forum/ Questions

- a. Email pvs.pto.pres@gmail.com- we'd love your input and feedback!

8. Upcoming Events

- a. Calendar- live document emailed out to all PTO members. Follow social media for updates!

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

*Indicates member not present