



**PTO General and Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Kristin Klecka made a motion to dispense with the reading of the January 2021 PTO minutes since they were previously emailed around, Tina McFarland seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to dispense the reading of the minutes. Mandy Chapin-Johnston made a motion to approve the January 2021 PTO minutes as written, Erin Jackson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

Speaker	Subject
<p><b>Mrs Pavlik</b>  <a href="mailto:mpavlik@pvschools.net">mpavlik@pvschools.net</a>  Principal</p> <p><b>Mrs Bird</b>  <a href="mailto:mbird@pvschools.net">mbird@pvschools.net</a>  Vice Principal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We're coming back Tuesday, February 16th! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A lot of good things have come due to all that has gone on. Teachers and Staff have grown, kids have grown, etc.</li> <li>○ Most teachers are getting their second shots now.</li> <li>○ We will be doing a mass cleaning before the kids get back</li> <li>○ How are the kids doing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Discussing some interventions for those that might be struggling</li> <li>■ At the K-6 principals test we found out that on our Mimics test 3rd and 4th graders were in the top 5 for showing the most growth across the district. Our 3rd grade was recognized as number 1 in math</li> <li>■ 3rd and 4th grade showed great ELA growth</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Gretchen and Elise are doing great planning for the Outdoor Classroom</li> <li>● Mrs. Pavlik is offering tours to any families interested in Grayhawk</li> <li>● Kindergarten Round-Up will be virtual on February 10th</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mark Eisenhut</b>  <a href="mailto:president@grayhawkpto.com">president@grayhawkpto.com</a>  PTO President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thank you to everyone for logging on and attending the meeting. Appreciate people staying committed even during these difficult times</li> <li>● Thank you to John and Madison for working so hard on Lynx Laps</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to Kim Woods for coordinating with Dorian for retakes and class pictures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tina McFarland</b>  <a href="mailto:vp@grayhawkpto.com">vp@grayhawkpto.com</a>  <b>Vice President</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We still have a lot of roles open so please reach out if you are interested.</li> <li>• Susan asked if there is a way to realign the executive board so that there aren't so many roles open at once. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tina isn't sure how that could happen unless we change our bylaws</li> <li>○ Susan said It got lopsided because in the past if someone didn't fulfill their term they would get a replacement for the end of that year but then would need to be elected for a new 2 year term</li> <li>○ Mark said it's something we should look into.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Tricia Owen</b>  <a href="mailto:treasurer@grayhawkpto.com">treasurer@grayhawkpto.com</a>  <b>Treasurer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Birthday in lights</li> <li>■ Community Fundraising</li> <li>■ Company matching</li> <li>■ School Pictures Days</li> <li>■ Yearbook Dedications</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Lynx Laps donation website</li> <li>■ Core Knowledge</li> <li>■ Dinner for the Teachers during conferences</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tricia will send out updates for teachers</li> <li>• Abby asked if the unused funds will roll over? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any unused money will roll over into our savings account.</li> <li>○ Looking at the Outdoor classroom right now so a lot of the unused money from this year will most likely be used for that.</li> <li>○ Each school year's operating budget starts fresh</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Mandy Chapin</b>  <a href="mailto:rptreasurer@grayhawkpto.com">rptreasurer@grayhawkpto.com</a>  <b>Room Parent Treasurer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valentine reimbursement requests are starting to roll in.</li> <li>• Now that we are going back to school reimbursement checks will be sent home with your oldest child. If you are staying home just make sure your address is on the reimbursement form and she will send it to you.</li> </ul>

**Kelly Romm**  
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Teacher Rep

- Very excited to see the numbers from the tests. Very happy to see that our students are still thriving!
  - Excited to see 3rd graders scoring the highest in the district in math!
    - 3rd graders this year have used Eureka for three years...it's amazing to see how students are able to explain math vs. just solve problems. This allows them to tackle all different kinds of math problems.
- Questions from teachers...
  - One parent asked about book orders they haven't received that they had shipped to the school? Mandy will look into it.
  - Teachers wondering about an update on classroom funds. Dorothy will send that out.
  - Core Knowledge has some new interactive books on their website. They can have passages read aloud to them and it offers quizzes inside the books to check for comprehension.
    - Great for younger kids and kids struggling with reading.
    - Wondering if there is a process to apply for the PTO to pay for it.
    - It is a subscription so it's not a one time expense
    - Also need more books for 2nd grade
      - Mrs. Pavlik is going to look into her funds for this
      - Tricia said each class has \$500 for Core Knowledge so this money could be put towards that. It's generally for field trips but it doesn't look like those will be happening this year.
- Want to make sure parents know that teachers are excited to get back but for those that are staying on PV Connect, teachers are very committed to these students as well!

<p><b>Shannon Christie</b>  (<a href="mailto:communications@grayhawkpto.com">communications@grayhawkpto.com</a>)  <b>VP Communications</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No big updates</li> <li>● Relatively slow communication week and month</li> </ul>
<p><b>Madison Beedy</b>  (<a href="mailto:Events@grayhawkpto.com">Events@grayhawkpto.com</a>)  <b>VP Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are a go for Lynx Laps. It will be a very different Lynx Laps this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 1-25</li> <li>○ Virtual Event</li> <li>○ Goal is 24,901 steps (miles around the equator)</li> <li>○ Lynx Laps around the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Visiting every continent-activities, foods, crafts, goals set at each continent</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Only giving away 5 packs of 2 tickets to Disney as the grand prize winners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hoping to get a theatre rental from Harkins for students reaching the \$250 mark</li> <li>■ Don't have time to get all the other prizes</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ John Paladino is hosting the event</li> <li>○ Will need some volunteers to help organize some things as we get closer</li> <li>○ For registering the kids will be getting a pedometer to track their steps</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Jen Izenstark</b>  (<a href="mailto:upc@grayhawkpto.com">upc@grayhawkpto.com</a>)  <b>VP UPC Rep and Yearbook</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Susan filled in for Jen to give the update</li> <li>● January meeting was a mid-year bell meeting with Dr. Lee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ He answered questions people submitted prior to the meeting</li> <li>○ You can watch the meeting at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/PVUPC">https://www.youtube.com/c/PVUPC</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Next program is at 9:00am- Teen Life Line will be speaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suicide prevention program that our district is partnered with</li> <li>○ There will be a link to sign up on the UPC website</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Randy Schoenfeld</b>  (<a href="mailto:dadsclub@grayhawkpto.com">dadsclub@grayhawkpto.com</a>)  <b>Dad's Club</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hoping to hear about any activities that Dad's Club might be able to help with.</li> <li>● Lunch with Dads was very successful last year...does Mrs. Pavlik feels like this will be possible in late April or May?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At this point Mrs. Pavlik does not foresee that we will be opening up the school to parents this year.</li> <li>○ Tina wondering about setting a table up outside for Dad's and Donuts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mrs. Pavlik said we can always ask and see what the powers at be say</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Abby suggested a drive by Donuts with Dad</li> <li>○ John suggested a Dad's Picnic off campus</li> <li>○ Randy will work with Mrs. Pavlik on some potential ideas</li> </ul>
<p><b>Erin Jackson</b>  (<a href="mailto:roomparent@grayhawkpto.com">roomparent@grayhawkpto.com</a>)  <b>VP Room Parent Coordinator</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents are getting ready for Valentines Parties</li> <li>● Discussing logistics for Teacher Appreciation Week with Deanna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Balloon Arch through the back parking lot</li> <li>○ Posters along back fence made by room parents</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Elise asked Erin if she has any idea how many breakfasts and or lunches we will be providing for teachers during the week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Erin said 2-3 lunches but she is fine with people asking parents to donate the lunches vs. get reimbursed for them</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Christy Guemple</b>  (<a href="mailto:hospitality@grayhawkpto.com">hospitality@grayhawkpto.com</a>)  <b>VP Hospitality</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dinner was provided to teachers who were on campus and wanted it on the late night during conference week</li> </ul>
<p><b>Elise Sparks &amp; Gretchen Hanna</b>  (<a href="mailto:eliseagrant@icloud.com">eliseagrant@icloud.com</a> and <a href="mailto:gretchen.bruemmer@gmail.com">gretchen.bruemmer@gmail.com</a>)  <b>Outdoor Classroom</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5 Steps to be done before meeting with contractors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Define Purpose</li> <li>○ Gather Information/site visits</li> <li>○ Establish Focus Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Staff Interviews</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Establish Needs/Wants/Likes</li> <li>○ Set Budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The purpose is to establish an outdoor educational space to support Core Knowledge and serve multiple functions</li> <li>● Suggested parts: amphitheater, garden, art station, classroom with tables and white board, play area, water study, weather study, etc.</li> <li>● Need to have an idea of a budget in order to go further with planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Reference...our most recent project was the library and front lobby renovation. We spent just over \$99,000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Grants we are looking into
  - A lot of Grants for gardening/growing food
  - Partnerships with news stations relating to weather stations
  - Friends of Wonderland - Sonoran Sky has a board up that identifies each year's donors
- Questions and Thoughts
  - Tina wanted to say thank you for all of your time and efforts.
  - Tina asking, outside of our operating budget this year, where do we stand right now?
    - Tricia says we have about \$90,000 in reserves
    - Tricia said we should maintain 25,000-30,000 in our reserves. So, maybe we set the budget to closer to 40,000-50,000?
  - Gretchen asked if our goal is to get everything done at once or should we start with a base and add to it in years to come?
    - Cori thinks we need to go big in order to energize this campus. We need to bring students in now.
  - Susan likes the idea of having a baseline budget based on what we know we have now with the idea that fundraising could happen, donations could be made, so we can raise the budget from there.
  - Elise wondering what the Executive Board needs from them in order to establish what the actual budget will be? How should they propose the ideas so that a budget can be voted on.
    - Tina said it might be a good idea for them to present what it would look like at the \$40,000 mark, \$60,000 mark, \$80,000 mark, etc.
    - Erin suggested they propose a good, better, best option and then we could plan for a phased construction if necessary.
  - Mrs. Pavlik said at Sonoran Sky it was done in phases. Her suggestion is to start with the outdoor classroom part and then build from there in phases.
    - She said the amphitheatre came a lot later at Sonoran Sky

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ This is a great opportunity for the community to help</li> <li>○ Question asked about time frame? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Really hoping to have it in by end of summer but contingent on portable removal to be able to begin.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Additional Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yearbook update from Cori <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ sent out a request to teachers to ask students what they want to be when they grow up. They've received about half back. Hoping to get those back soon.</li> <li>○ Working on 6th grade dedications. Received about a dozen so far. They are due on Friday</li> <li>○ Theme this year is Doodle Art</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Attendees:** Tina McFarland, Mandy Chapin-Johnston, Tricia Owen, Abby Nguyen, Erin Jackson, Kristin Klecka, Kelly Romm, Susan Matura, Michelle Pavlik, Madison Beedy, Gretchen Hanna, Dorothy Jokerst, Bambi Lashell, John Palladino, Lindsay Wing. Jill Achacoso, Mark Eisenhut, Shannon Christie, Julia Rutledge, Cori Matheson, Elise Sparks, Randy Schoenfeld,

**Upcoming Events:**

February 9	Early Release
February 10	Kindergarten Round Up
February 10	UPC Meeting
February 12	6th Grade Yearbook Dedications Due
February 15	No School- President's Day
February 16	In Person Learning Begins (PreK-6)
February 22	In Person Learning Begins (7-12)
March 8	PTO Meeting
March 9	End of 3rd Quarter
March 10	UPC Meeting
March 15-19	Spring Break