

PTO MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2014

In attendance: Michele Sonkin, Michele Campbell, Andy Lutz, Diane Frei, Shannon Stanciu, Susan Matura, Norm Pratt, Linda Keegan, Cynthia Milgroom, Brooke Dalzell

- Linda Keegan called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and a VOTE passed to approve the minutes from December meeting.
- **Principal's Report--Mr. Norm Pratt**
 - Grayhawk will have pre-school for ages 3&4 starting in August.
 - Core Knowledge certification visit scheduled for April 30-May 2.
 - Study Island due for renewal in March. Teachers are being surveyed to see whether it is something they'd like to continue with.
 - Ideas requested for an "emergency free lunch" system that would allow children who forget their lunch money once in a while to still order hot lunch.
- **President's Report--Linda Keegan**
 - New display cases for lobby have arrived and will be in use soon.
 - Adjustable basketball hoop has arrived, but one more needed to be ordered. VOTE passed to order an additional hoop at a cost of \$2,000.
 - Still getting price quotes for colorful benches to be installed in playground area and in front of building.
 - The Daddy/Daughter Dance that Grayhawk Community Association organizes will be officially sponsored by the PTO this year.
 - Spring Fling date changed to April 4.
 - Auction scheduled for April 12 at Tavern Americana. There is no official chairperson, so this will be a group effort on part of PTO.
 - Teacher Experience raffles will take place last week of February.
 - Last month's Volunteer Appreciation luncheon was a success, with approximately 30 people attending and lots of ideas shared.
 - Please give thought to what responsibilities each board position should have going forward and what positions could possibly be added to the board.
- **Old Business**
 - Ideas were shared for improving quality of our school tours and Susan Matura offered to create a checklist of topics that should be covered during the tours.
 - Celebration for NCEA award will be part of Spring Fling.
- **Treasurer's Report—Kellie Martin/Cynthia Milgroom**
 - YTD financials (file attached).
 - VOTE passed to spend up to \$500 on a 5th robotics kit for the robotics club.
- **Communications—Michele Campbell**
 - Discussion of purpose of PTO website and what content should be included on it. Will revisit this topic after district implements new plan for school website.

- Moving eNews to Mondays starting on February 3. Information for eNews should be submitted by Thursday of each week.
- In the future, room parents will help in getting class parents enrolled in eNews.
- Please submit ideas for increasing facebook likes.

- **Family Events—Kristen Souza**
 - Next Family Fundraiser is February 11th at Which Wich & Tart/Toppings 12-8 pm. PTO gets 20% back.

- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator/Classroom Treasurer—Tracie Campbell/Brooke Dalzell**
 - Specials teachers were given holiday gifts thanks to parent contributions and were very appreciative. The same fund will be used to provide gifts for them during teacher appreciation week.
 - Classroom budget worksheets are being used by most room parents and the process is going well.

- **United Parent Council—Diane Frei/Lisa Ganter**
 - PVUSD now has a marketing task force and is focusing on branding.
 - “YES for PV Students” only passed by 800 votes.
 - March 19 is deadline for teacher appreciation nominations. Forms will be available online and at school office.
 - Bradley Snyder, author of “The 5 Simple Truths About Raising Kids” will be speaking at the February 19th UPC meeting. All are welcome.