



PTO General and Executive Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Kristin Klecka made a motion to dispense with the reading of the December 2019 PTO minutes since they were previously emailed around, Erin Jackson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to dispense the reading of the minutes. Shannon Christie made a motion to approve the December 2019 PTO minutes as written, Randy Schoenfeld seconded the motion.

Speaker	Subject
<p>Mrs Pavlik (mpavlik@pvschools.net) Principal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chick-fil-A possibly instead of pizza for Lynx lunch. Having issues with the fact that its not delivered ● Kinder Roundup- February 11 at 5:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big push! ○ Already have enrolled 44 or 46 kids which is great! ● Coffee with the Principal next Thursday 1/23 at 8:20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topics to be discussed: Core Knowledge, school letter grade, etc. ● New psychologist-Audra Jewel- Dr. Powers had to take a leave ● Added another LFI classroom because the class was getting too big and too broad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ new teacher- Randy Schmidt ● Parent teacher conferences coming...portal opening at 6pm this Friday 1/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nighttime slots on Wednesday until 8:00 ● Big push on Brick Project...deadline on February 1 ● Question brought up about bullying at the school. Could there be a school counselor hired to help with this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can't get funding for that because that comes from the state level. Mrs. Pavlik would like it brought to her attention more so she can pinpoint where it's happening.

Mark Eisenhut
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PTO President

- Amazing that we are halfway through the year. So happy about the successes we have had so far this year
 - Lynx Laps
 - Holiday Shop
 - Loved seeing the kids focus on giving
 - Great example of the PTO creating ways to create a good school culture vs. just being a money making machine
- We've done really well with fundraising this year. Important that we think at a higher level about what we want to accomplish as a group, what we are comfortable with spending vs. saving for bigger projects down the way.
 - We've had some very generous parents that have high expectations.

Tina McFarland
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Vice President

- Disney Tickets
 - We got approved for all 20 tickets!
 - The wrapping party was hectic but appreciate all the volunteers
 - Will be coming in the next 30-60 days.
 - We're allotting them for various events.
- Time to start looking at next year
 - Exec Board Positions: Hospitality, UPC, and Dad's Club will be on the ballot next year
 - Tina is working on creating a robust list of descriptions for all the roles
 - If you are interested in anything please let her know. She will be sending out an email to current positions to see if they would like to continue
- Who does Harkins Tickets? Susan Matura
- Survey results (see attachment)
 - We have \$3,000 to spend on special projects so a survey was sent out with possibly options
 - Library furniture
 - Gymnasium
 - Walkie-Talkies at a grade level
 - Dibbles subs for a full day
 - Books
 - Paper
 - At the next meeting it would be great to dive into this and discuss what we can do with the money

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jen I. brought up the idea of bringing back the tutoring program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tricia brought up what the district pays vs. what we pay. Maybe we could subsidize?
<p>Tricia Owen (treasurer@grayhawkpto.com) Treasurer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At the end of December (see attached Budget) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brick project ■ Lynx Laps ■ Spirit wear ■ Dining out ■ Holiday Shop ■ Anonymous donation of \$1000 ○ Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Holiday shop ■ Bulletin Board ■ Art Masterpiece ■ Classroom enhancements ■ Principal account ■ Water cooler expenses ● Special budget request on 1/9: 1st grade asking for \$121.59 to cover the cost of the buses used for the 1st grade field trip to the AZ Puppet Theater. The exec board approved the special request via email on 1/ 9 ● January Updates (see attached Budget) ● Budget Change Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Materials are all up on the website to look over ○ Vote will open on the 20th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Questions brought about about if it is allowed in our Bylaws to vote online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is not explicitly stated in our Bylaws that you can but it is also not stated that you can't. Referencing Robert's Rules of Order is a guide that organizations can leverage but can use discretion as to what works for the organization. As this is a vote for reallocation and additions to the previously approved DRAFT budget the Executive Board felt this is the appropriate method to

ensure we reach all of the general membership versus the 20 average attendees at meetings.

- Questioning brought up about changes in Budget...
 - In Spring there is a Draft Budget that is voted on but it is allowed to be changed (generally without a vote), but we want to ensure transparency and that everyone has a voice.
 - All items will be voted on in a Blanket Vote, not individualized
 - Looking at future expenses
 - Looking at a one year change, not a standard budget to go forward.
 - All things will be considered when making future budgets
 - Wanting teachers to look a little more creatively. If they are offered more we hope they will come up with new ideas rather than just getting the same money therefore doing the same projects every year.
 - Question brought up about whether there would be a discussion portion of the vote?
 - Discussed by Tricia in December
 - Items are on the website to look at
 - Question brought up: How does any of the items on the page help hold on to students
 - Tricia asked for feedback and hardly got any feedback.
 - Suggestion to make Brick Project revenue as a Holding Fund since we will not be seeing those funds

<p>Mandy Chapin rptreasurer@grayhawkpto.com Room Parent Treasurer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make sure you are turning in the correct forms if you are handing in reimbursements ● Original receipts with ONLY the expenses you are asking for a reimbursement for. ● Having a baby soon so will be taking a 2 week break
<p>Shannon Christie communications@grayhawkpto.com VP Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last week was the first week of doing eNews via the Membership Toolkit. Seems to be working well. We have 700 individual addresses whereas we only had 500 before <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 60% opened it which is a big jump from before. Used to only have 40% ○ Anything that eNews is missing that you would like to see in there?
<p>Randy Schoenfeld dadsclub@grayhawkpto.com VP Dad's Club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting next Wednesday, 1/22 @ 6pm- 18degrees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13 already signed up ● Dad's Lunch February 5 ● If there are any events coming up that you need the Dad's Club for please let him know
<p>Erin Jackson roomparent@grayhawkpto.com VP Room Parent Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Room parents are doing great ● Getting ready for teacher experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sending emails to teachers to find out what they want to do ○ Scheduling experiences for before Spring break ● Teacher Appreciation week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Originally had a Wild West Theme but the book fair is the same week and it has a jungle theme so considering keeping this theme for TA too
<p>Dr. Mitchel Stem Teacher</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you PTO for all of your support ● Loved Lynx Laps ● Thank you to the parents who have set up for the Slime Parties ● We've had a lot of fun with the K-3 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paint with magnets ○ Tornados in a bottle ○ Model insects and spiders ○ Lego mazes ○ Kinder-lego alphabet challenges ○ Architecture challenges ○ Lego pyramids for 1st grade ○ K-2 students working on spy kits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3rd graders grew crystals and have been working on coding ● 4-6 graders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oxydation ○ Chemical reactions ○ Space theme projects ○ Coding ● Question brought up about what structure you follow to make projects age appropriate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grades 4-6: 6 step Scientific process ○ Grades K-3: Plan, design, create, test and communicate ○ Meet with other Stem teachers for ideas ● Question brought up about if there is some sort of a “Stem Wishlist” to help us go further?
<p>Kelly Romm (kromm@pvlearners.net) Teacher Rep</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Renaissance Learning (AR) went through a huge update so if you are a parent that logs in your password is changed so reach out to your teachers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AR provides a lot of information and data for the teachers when helping their students with reading ○ Parents can sign up to get alerts when their children take quizzes ● Grades 3-6 have AZMerit coming up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents have access to Study Island through the Authentication Portal (auth.pvschools.net) ○ Good practice for the students ○ Teaches the students how to take the test ● Core Knowledge sent an email saying the plaque stating we are a School of Distinction was made and will be sent out. ● 1st grade has puppet shows scheduled: flashlight friendly friday ● 2nd grade-having dentist come for dental awareness; field trip to Pioneer Village ● 5th grade has Wax Museum coming up and working on Prescott trip ● 6th grade getting ready for Catalina ● 2nd grade would like to consider a budget item <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now have units for history and geography

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Second grade has been downloading them on google classroom but some students do not read well on computer ■ Asking for a few books per class. As of now we print them off but that uses a lot of paper. Books are \$4.95/each, 7 units ● Question brought up about whether the Core Knowledge material created by Mrs. Romm will be shared with the prospective kindergarten parents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is already a pamphlet in the folders that gives a brief explanation of Core Knowledge
<p>Madison Beedy Events@grayhawkpto.com VP Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holiday Shop- Carissa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First day of sales we basically sold out of everything ○ Company was great to work with ○ Thank you Dorothy for all the help ○ Definitely recommend it for next year but maybe a week or two before break. Another suggestion was to do it in 3 days rather than a full week. It was a little hectic and disruptive to classes ○ \$6000 total in sales and we did 20% markup so we kept \$1400 ● Mother-Son-Bowling: No date yet but will reach out to Christy Guemple ● Night at the Museum- March 31st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristin agreed to take on Auction Program ○ Sierra has come on to help with regular portion of the event ○ Toning down the amount of activities ○ Swag bags? How did everyone like those? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ People liked them but question brought up about what happened to them when they got home ■ Could we recycle them at the end? ■ We will do them again this year ○ Science Fair projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4-6 grade projects will be graded this year for prizes, not classroom grades ■ Pre-K through 3 will just be displayed ○ Auction: going to be online, close after the event at 10pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Won't distract from event, just add to

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Will be open 1-2 weeks before the event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussing ideas on how to get that buzz going so we can get as many bids before the event as possible. ● Idea brought up to close it 15 min before event is over so that people can take items home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planned to keep it open later so that people wouldn't be consumed with bidding at the event ○ Only 20 items so it shouldn't be difficult to disperse items ○ Discussion that the personal activity at the event creates excitement and competitiveness ○ Anti-bullying speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ March 10th ■ \$500 special budget request ■ Either parent night or family night (she suggests family night) ■ Could we do a Facebook Live for parents who cannot be there? ■ Discussion about places we could pull funds from to cover expenses
<p>Jen Izenstark upc@grayhawkpto.com VP UPC Rep and Yearbook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UPC meetings are open to everyone and it would be great for people to attend. Great opportunity to talk to Dr. Welsh and all other important district people ● Speakers came to talk about the Family Resource center (provide car seats, glasses, everything you could possibly need.) ● Vender showcase is coming up February 26th from 6-8 at Explorer Middle School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big job fair but for vendors ○ We could set up a booth if we want to showcase some of the things we are doing ● Staff Appreciation coming up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any parents or students can nominate a teacher to be recognized at the board meeting in May

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No admins or superintendents ■ Teachers, duty aids, bus drivers, custodians, etc. ■ Must nominate for a teacher that your child has this year ■ Mrs Pavlik brought up our custodian, Basam...he would be great! ○ Go to www.pvupc.org ● PV Foodbank came out to talk to us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They could really use turkeys so maybe we could do a turkey drive around Thanksgiving? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ “Pass the Turkeys” ○ Food Recovery Program- only district in the state that is doing a program like this <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you are interested in volunteering you can sign up on Membership Toolkit. Booked out through April ● Wednesday morning meeting on Vaping- great speaker coming! ● February 3rd at 6pm on Mental Health and Well-Being: Meeting the Needs of Gifted Children
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Attendees: Lindsay Wing, Gretchen Hanna, Madison Beedy, Jen Izenstark, Elise Sparks, Mark Eisenhut, Tricia Owen, Susan Matura, Carissa Stewart, Shannon Christie, Mandy Chapin, Ciara Biglari, Melody Jones, Jen Gorecki, Dorothy Jokerst, Kristin Klecka, Kristin Hollrah, Abby Nguyen, Michelle Pavlik, Dr. Tami Mitchell, Randy Schoenfeld, Tina McFarland, Erin Jackson, David Biglari.

Upcoming Events:

January 20	No School-MLK/Civil Rights Day
January 23	Coffee with the Principal
January 24	Register for PVUSD School Fun Run
January 27-31	Conference Week
January 30	Early Release
January 31	Early Release
February 4	Early Release
February 5	Class Pictures and Personality Photos
February 8	PVUSD School Run at Horizon High School
February 10	PTO Meeting
February 11	Kindergarten Round Up
February 12	UPC Meeting
February 17	No School- President’s Day
February 19	UPC Meeting
February 22	Daddy/Daughter Dance