

Pleasant Valley PTA

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2016

- I. Meeting called to order by Jackie Beck at 9:35am
- II. Special Business – Approval of By-Laws amendments. Proposed amendments were read at the October PTA meeting and posted in the PTA room for 9 weeks.
 - Amendment to Article IX: Duties of Officers was presented. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Nicki Vance and seconded by Dawn Connolly. No discussion. The amendment was approved unanimously.
 - Amendment to Article XII, Section 1 regarding # of days’ notice to change the day of a meeting was presented. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Denee Hayes and second by Nicki Vance. No discussion. The amendment was approved unanimously.
 - Amendment to Article XII, Section 3 regarding month of general membership meeting was presented. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Nicki Vance and second by Suzy Stauffer. No discussion. The amendment was approved unanimously.
 - Amendment to Article XIII, section 1 (b) regarding the month to select delegates for Area Council was presented. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Alisha Gallup and second by Maria Zuzek. No discussion. The amendment was approved unanimously.
- III. Minutes from October 5, 2016 – Motion made by Staci McCullough and second by Diane Damon to approve. No discussion or changes. Approved unanimously.
- IV. **Guest Speaker** – Ms. Kayla Ferguson, PV Physical Education Teacher
 - Jump Rope for Heart will be held February 6 – March 3
 - PTA help is needed to distribute forms, collect forms, and enter donation information online
 - Laurie Rieger and Angela Kovac volunteered to help as community service chairs.
- V. **Guest Speaker** – Mrs. Christina Kretchun, Food Service Director
 - New menu items are available this year including rice and bean tortilla bowl, veggie flatbread, salsa burger, chicken enchiladas, veggie burger, and chicken cheesesteak
 - Pizza Hut pizza is offered once every 5 weeks. It is a special recipe to accommodate school lunch regulations, including whole grain crust. It is not the pizza sold at the restaurant.
 - Display plates have been added to PV’s cafeteria so students know what comes with a school lunch. 5 components are on each plate.
 - Question was asked about eliminating flavored milk. The district is required to provide all of the milk choices to encourage students to drink milk.
- VI. **Principal’s Report**
 - Mr. Marquis showed the new iPad cart purchased with Box Top, Giant Eagle Apples for Students, School Kidz Kits, and Target Education Program (not defunct) money. Thank you to parents for contributing to these programs!
 - Thank you to the PTA for donating new indoor recess items to the classrooms.
 - All classrooms will be getting standing desks after the New Year. 1 full-sized standing desk will be in each 3rd grade classroom. K – 2 will receive 2 folding standing stations that can be placed on top of current desks to create standing stations.
 - The new ELA curriculum has received a favorable response. Please share any issues that you may have as they arise.
 - The Department of Education is recognizing PV as being in the top 5% of all Title 1 schools in the state of Pennsylvania.

VII. President's Report

- Indoor recess items were donated to the classrooms after Thanksgiving. All 1st – 3rd grade classes received new bins of Legos, as well as board games and/or puzzles. Kindergarten received new dolls and action figures.
- Upcoming spirit days – 12/16 is Holiday Spirit Day and 12/22 is Pajama Day.
- The holiday party is 12/21. Only scheduled volunteers may attend.
- No January PTA meeting. Our next meeting is 2/1 at 9:30am. Dr. French is attending.

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

Kelli Caputo

- 3rd Grade T-shirts – Design was done by a local artist. Forms will be sent out shortly.
- December assembly was the Zoomobile on 12/6.
- Read-A-Thon is scheduled for mid-January. Look for more info before the holidays.

Laurie Rieger

- Junior Achievement was held in November for 3rd grade only. JA selected community volunteers. The curriculum corresponded with the 3rd grade economics unit.
- Yearbook – 175 have been ordered. Keep uploading photos, especially of Open House and the 3rd grade economics fair.
- Community Service -195 pounds of Halloween candy was collected for the City Mission. Students are making holiday cards for Meals on Wheels this month.

Suzy Stauffer

- Spirit Wear was delivered last week. Thank you to Kelly for her amazing work!
- Reflections Art Contest awards ceremony will be 2/24 at 2:15pm.
- Breakfast with Someone Special will be on January 13 and 20 this year. More information will be emailed closer to the dates.
- Area Council update
 - Project Lead the Way STEM modules are being used in K-1 classrooms. Grades 2 and 3 will start them in the spring.
 - Science curriculum will be revised in 1-2 years and focus on hands-on learning.
 - Attendance calls will now be made in the morning if your child is absent.
 - 2/2 is a volleyball fundraiser at the high school featuring administration and building level teams. PV will be represented.
 - Area Council used book sale will be held on 3/31 and 4/1 at the middle school. Collection of used books will take place prior to the sale.

Maria Zuzek

- District directories will be delivered today and sent home with your youngest child.
- Staff Appreciation conference dinner went well. Thanks for donations!
- Box Tops earned \$1,801.30 since April. Keep sending them in!

IX. Treasurer's Report

- Membership Update – 298 PTA members

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Adjournment by Jackie Beck at 10:45am

Minutes submitted by Camille Bodnar