

**PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**PTA MEETING MINUTES**  
February 4, 2015

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:18am by Suzie Bode.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

**III. Guest Speaker – Area Council Representatives**

- Mary Pat DiRenzo asked parents to donate gently used books, DVDs, and CDs for the Used Book Sale. Collection bins will be in the schools at the beginning of March. The sale will be held on 3/26 (3 – 8pm) and 3/27 (9am – noon) at the middle school. The money that is raised will be divided among all of the schools. Unsold books are donated to schools in need. Rikki Shields volunteered to be PV's book sale rep.
- New coordinators are needed for the District Directory. Interested volunteers will shadow the current coordinators during the 2015-2016 school year to learn the process. A meeting will be held in the spring. Those seeking additional information can email [ptsd.directory@gmail.com](mailto:ptsd.directory@gmail.com).

**IV. Guest Speaker – Mr. Adam Swinchok, Director of Instructional Technology**

- PV currently has a 5-1 student to device ratio. This is not the level of access that the district would like. The goal is to have a 2-1 device to student capability ratio.
- Starting in April, wireless access points will be installed in all of the PV classrooms.
- Focus will be on mobility (laptops, iPads, tablets, etc.)
- The goal is to eventually have 1 cart of devices for every 2 classrooms.

**V. Principal's Remarks**

- Kids of Steel updated – 90 PV students are registered. Registration will stay open until all of the slots are full.
  - Run Club will begin on March 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be open to all students registered for Kids of Steel.
  - A variety of fruits and vegetables will be featured in the cafeteria to support the program.
- PV is currently participating in a food drive for the Washington County Farm Bureau. All collected food will benefit local food pantries. The high school is also participating in the food drive.
- Next week will be "Random Acts of Kindness" week for Character Counts. This is the silver award project of a former PV student who is currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will receive a warm & fuzzy for each random act of kindness. Each classroom has a collection jar and will compete to see which class can earn the most.
- PV is participating in the Pittsburgh Pop Tab collection for Ronald McDonald House. A collection box is in the library.
- A Pennies for Patients kickoff assembly will be held February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am for leadership team members.
- There is a new TV in the vestibule that will feature pictures of things that are happening at PV. Mrs. Barley will update the pictures regularly.
- DIBELS assessments were completed in January. The assessment is done three times a year to look at student progress in phonics, fluency, and comprehension. The goal is for all students to hit benchmark by June.
- The MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment is currently being administered. This is an online test that monitors student progress in reading and math. Results are used to make informed decisions about instruction.
- As part of the Governor's Award Grant, PV is mentoring Washington Elementary School in Washington, PA. PV staff is sharing their practices regarding progress monitoring for the DIBELS assessment.

**VI. Presidents' Report**

- Valentine parties will be on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 2:30pm. All party supplies are due in the PTA room by February 6<sup>th</sup>. The snack will be Goldfish crackers.
- We will have a Pittsburgh Penguins spirit day on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Sincerely Yogurt fundraiser is February 13 – 15. No flyer is needed, just tell them you are supporting Pleasant Valley. PV receives 20% profit from sales!
- Area Council update from Stephanie Tracy
  - Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings can now be viewed online. There is much discussion about the McMurray renovation project.
  - The PTHS musical, The Children of Eden, will be held March 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

## **VII. Vice Presidents' Reports**

Jamie Schweiger

- Family Fun Night information will be sent home next week. Please sign up to volunteer and bring cookies! A \$1 donation per family will be collected at the door to benefit our Giving Day projects.
- Our current Giving Day projects are Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the food drive.
- The deadline to order a yearbook is 3/20. The price is now \$22. Please continue to upload your photos!
- Third grade T-shirts have been ordered. Expected delivery is the end of February.

Laurie Rieger

- Thank you to everyone who brought in hospitality for our meeting!
- Market Day earned a \$150 profit in January. Due to limited interest, the final Market Day sale for PV will be in March. Market Day will be discontinued after that. Volunteers are needed to help with the March distribution.

Jackie Beck

- Box Tops are due by February 20<sup>th</sup> for the Bruster's gift card drawing. The next submission is in March.
- All enrichment classes have started. Thank you to Kelli Caputo for organizing!

Danielle Stepanovich (given by Suzie Bode)

- The next assembly, Colossal Fossil Fuels by the Carnegie Science Center, will be held on February 20th at 9:30am. Parents can bring PM kindergarten students to school for the assembly.
- PV regional reflections winners will be announced at an awards assembly (date to be determined). The winning entries will now move on to state judging.

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report**

- Budget changes: Proposed moving \$150 from Assemblies to Character Counts to cover increased costs. This will change the Character Counts budget from \$50 to \$200. All assemblies have been scheduled and paid for, so the \$150 will not be needed for programs this year. Motion to vote made by Rikki Shields and second by Susan Andrewson. Vote passed unanimously.
- There are new PTA reimbursement forms. If you would like your reimbursement check mailed to your home, you must now include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Forms are in the PTA room.

## **IX. Old Business**

### **X. New Business**

- The PTA is in need of a 3 to 5 member nominating committee to put together a slate of nominees for next year's executive board. If interested, please let Suzie and Stephanie know.
- The Bylaws are in the process of being updated. They will be posted in the PTA room prior to voting.
- Deb Busche shared that the Chinese School will hold a Chinese New Year celebration at Center Church on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. There will be crafts, Chinese food, and a student performance.
- Katie Metz won the giveaway – a basket of Rodan and Fields products donated by Michelle Fagan.

## **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.

*Minutes submitted by Camille Bodnar*