

VHE PTO Board Meeting March 2012 Minutes

AGENDA

MARCH 13

7:00PM

VAN HISE ELEMENTARY

MEETING CALLED BY	PTO President Shelby Connell. ATTENDEES: 5 teachers, 9 parents, and 1 neighborhood member
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Agenda topics

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES APPROVED WITH CHANGES.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

KRIS ROMAIN

DISCUSSION	Book fair will be held at the end of March. It will be a buy one, get one free for classrooms. This is the second year of holding two annual book fairs. Discussion around how to provide books for free and reduced lunch children. Determined the children would be given books from the stock of those for classrooms. Will use the term "Buy a book, and a book will go to your school" (instead of specifically your classroom)
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EVENT UPDATE

SHELBY CONNELL AND JULIA STEIN

DISCUSSION	Rummage Sale: No formal rummage sale for this year. Could offer to put things on Craig's List and consignment shops. Decided not to do Craig's List. Will casually spread the word about donating items to consignment shops with proceeds going to VHE, but no formal push for this. Carnival: Concluded last month. Success! The Carnival was led by a new group of parent leaders and grossed \$6,120. People were very pleased about the prizes offered this year as well as the extra attention given to providing translators, transportation, and special packets with tickets for free and reduced lunch families.
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PRINCIPAL REPORT--NONE

PEG KEELER

DISCUSSION	Peg Keeler was ill and did not attend.
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TREASURER REPORT

WEIJUN SHANG

DISCUSSION	Approximately \$18,000 cash on hand. Considering accounts payable, we have about \$11,700 in cash available.
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K/1 COMPUTERS

BETH CANTWELL

DISCUSSION	This year with the help of grant funding, laptops were purchased for the 4/5 and 2/3 classrooms. K/1 classrooms are still using netbooks and the teachers are hoping to switch to laptops. They would need 14 laptops at \$599 each. PTO voted purchase one laptop per each of 7 classrooms right now and to make 1 laptop for each of 7 classrooms a line item in next year's budget (\$4200).
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BOOK ROOM MATCHING FUNDS

NIKKI BURKE

DISCUSSION	VHE's book room is in serious need of new books. Current books are damaged, missing, and out-of-date. Many do not accurately or appropriately reflect today's world (children riding bikes without helmets, lack of diversity in photos). In comparison to schools like Midvale, VHE's book selection pales in comparison. Likewise, Shorewood elementary recently received \$10,000 to update its book room.
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An anonymous supporter generously offered \$5,000 in matching funds if the PTO could provide/raise an additional \$5,000 in support. The Hill Farms Neighborhood Association has expressed interest in providing \$250 to support this project, which would leave \$4,750 for the PTO to raise/provide.

Some discussion ensued around holding a fundraiser at the end of April, but due to the urgency of the problem and the need to order books now for the fall, the PTO voted to provide \$4,750 right away to support this project.

The \$5,000 matching funds check was written and delivered. The remaining \$250 from Hill Farms is yet to be confirmed.

GARDEN UPDATE

SARAH VANREIT

DISCUSSION Lots going on. Planning big things for spring. Nothing in need of a vote.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

SHELBY CONNELL

DISCUSSION Opportunity to get involved in school supplies fundraiser, but given the need to work with teachers to determine grade level lists, we will not be able to pursue this for the 2012/2013 school year.

**UPCOMING PTO BOARD ELECTIONS/POSITIONS
NEEDING TO BE FILLED**

SHELBY CONNELL

DISCUSSION Will need to vote in May for the 2012/2013 VHE PTO Board. A formal request for nominations will be submitted in the coming weeks. Aim to have 7 official board members next year (as stated in the bi-laws).

NEXT MEETING	Tuesday, April 17
LOCATION	VHE Art room (Business Meeting)
TIME	7:00 pm