

# VHE PTO Board Meeting

## AGENDA

APRIL 17, 2012

7:00PM

VAN HISE ELEMENTARY

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	PTO President Shelby Connell   Officers in attendance: Shelby Connell, Weijun Shang.   Also in attendance: Principal Keeler, 3 VHE teachers and 5 parents
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### Agenda topics

5 MINUTES                      **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES**                      SHELBY CONNELL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Minutes were reviewed and approved by group.
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30 MINUTES                      **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**                      PEG KEELER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Class placement will start in May, many children loop w/same teacher. No huge changes for next year expected</li> <li>2. WKCE exams/assessments, results coming and staff will look at VHE data which typically is good. This data helps plan for following year- most missed questions help to know where to focus teaching.</li> <li>3. Peg is willing to give a "state of the school" talk every fall as she did at a general meeting last fall which was well received.</li> </ol>
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15 MINUTES                      **EVENT UPDATE**                      SHELBY CONNELL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wonders of Physics presentation scheduled 4/27/12 6:30pm in cafeteria, free.</li> <li>2. Multicultural night successful.. Estimate 350 attended. Discussion on best use of space, timing food with performances for next year. Committee may ask Rosemary Barrientos to review what worked 2 yr ago.</li> <li>3. Book fair did well. Spring BOGO also did well. All the "get one free" books came back to school to stock classroom libraries.</li> <li>4. NEED a parent to organize book fair in coming years. Discussion about possible parents to help, split job into 2 roles . Spring sale not necessary but has worked well two years now.</li> </ol>
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10 MINUTES                      **TREASURER REPORT**                      WEIJUN SHANG/SHELBY CONNELL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Budget was reviewed in full.
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10 MINUTES                      **TALENT SHOW**                      TODD FORSYTHE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	May 11, Friday night, dress rehearsal Tuesday before and auditions May 2nd and 3rd. Need parent help during auditions and rehearsals and night of show. Group discussed and decided no food this year at show. Need new coordinator for show next year- ideas discussed for who might take this on.
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10 MINUTES                      **GARDEN UPDATE**                      SARAH VAN RIET

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Most, if not all, classrooms have plan to use outdoor classroom this year which is very exciting. Again, teachers and parents note the multiple uses of the garden space for teaching as well as breaks for kids and staff, heavy work, etc. Teri Barr has expressed interest in writing a blog about our garden. Needs/wants: benches, outdoor sink (wash produce to sell salad bags). Mary Michaud is working to get a bulletin board for the learning center in the garden. Sarah Van Riet will schedule/host summer weekly garden meetings. Note hoop houses built, willow tunnel, plans for bees and butterfly gardens...
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15 MINUTES                      **POTENTIAL NEW FUNDRAISERS**                      SHELBY CONNELL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue direct appeal as did last fall- very successful.</li> <li>2. More restaurant night options- Great Dane possibly, Noodles &amp; Co again possibly</li> <li>3. NEW IDEA: cookbook of recipes from VHE families</li> <li>4. NEW IDEA: website links- if people start at VHE PTO website and use links to go to stores for shopping (amazon.com, and others) then PTO gets a small percentage of all purchase price. How to best advertise this to VHE families and use these? Discussion and decision to promote the links we already have for now rather than adding more yet.</li> <li>5. Community Change and Donor's Choose sites- suggestion to put up bulletin board to post extra coupons to share and encourage families to use these sites and teach what and how they work.</li> </ol>
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<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm at VHE Art Room (Business Meeting)</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	