

**PTO MEETING AGENDA**  
**VAN HISE ELEMENTARY 4/16/13**

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	PTO PRESIDENT SHELBY CONNELL PRESENT: PTO BOARD MEMBERS SHELBY CONNELL, JEN ROTH, DANA MCCLOSKEY, SARAH VAN RIET, 2 AT LARGE PTO BOARD MEMBERS CAROUSEL BAYRD, SUSIE ANDERSON, 3 TEACHERS, 2 PARENTS	
6:30	<b>PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (15 MIN)</b>	MRS. KEELER
	cancelled- Peg unable to make it.	
	<b>EVENT UPDATE (5 MIN)</b>	SHELBY CONNELL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PTO helped at K Screening, will participate/support "story time" event 5/13, and host K playdates in summer.</li> <li>- Science Night SUCCESS! 8-10 adult led projects + 50 kids with 40 projects. Repeat next year same format, stress in flyers that ALL welcome, don't need to submit project to come enjoy. Parent who came to Mrs. Mahr's class to "talk it up" helped generate student interest.</li> <li>- Art Fair, 40 vendors are registered (1/2 are kids). Need more for bake sale, class competition planned</li> <li>- Mallards Game set for 6/23 3:00 pm. Ticket sales early May- online portal.</li> </ul>	
	<b>GARDEN UPDATE (5 MIN)</b>	SARAH VAN RIET
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jim Peterson, a kind neighbor, has volunteered to construct 4 more Leopold benches and some raised beds for us. Families will install garden beds this weekend at work day, also a work day 4/28 for rain garden planned. Teachers will be assigned beds next week and already there is activity in garden.</li> <li>- Mrs. Miller mentioned that her class is fund raising for a little free library for garden and will have it installed this summer.</li> </ul>	
	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT (5 MIN)</b>	DANA MCCLOSKEY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Great Dane night raised \$500 even. Dana and teachers surprised that it wasn't more. Some confusion with Dane staff- suspect we didn't truly get a full %10 of all revenue that day but how to assess. Will leave it and next year try to track to confirm the numbers.</li> <li>- Budget is on track- no major notes.</li> </ul> <p>Side discussion regarding Cookbook- can order now but did everyone see in newsletter? (no) Is newsletter working as electronic only? Concern that many parents not reading it. Brainstorming of ways to increase those reading newsletter. Communications in general could be improved but how to tackle? Could we do better w/Facebook, website, etc? 4/5 classes do write articles for newsletter and some print version may still be good. Discussion to be continued by Shelby, Susie, Jen Roth, Julia Stein-Barnes, and Kim Mohoney and they will report back ideas.</p>	

	<b>TECHNOLOGY UPDATE (20 MIN)</b>	MRS. MILLER ON BEHALF OF MRS. KEELER
	<p>- Tech committee (Amy Kurka, Mrs. Keeler, Beth Cantwell and ? others) met and agree that goal is to increase technology that improves access for entire school/all students. #1 priority is request for 20 ipads to divide between all classes. District can get 10-packs at discount (20 for ~\$6400 we think). Then separate request for 4 Box Lights to go on camera projectors and make wall into smartboard. (total for these ~\$5200).</p> <p>- Discussion was had on how these items would be used, how staff would be trained, how items would be shared, etc.</p> <p>- Sarah motioned to approve purchasing the ipads and box lights as requested IF numbers work out to ~\$11,000 as estimated. Jen Roth 2nds motion. Vote: 6 in favor, 2 opposed (Shelby spoke w/Peg 4/19 and confirmed approx cost \$11,500 thus request is approved)</p> <p>Separate discussion- Shelby asks teachers about use of Time for Kids subscriptions. PTO has funded in past, they are not cheap. Teachers confirm that they do use them weekly. Shelby will offer to each teacher to renew and will f/u on this at next meeting.</p>	
	<b>HEDGIE GEAR (20 MIN)</b>	JEN ROTH, SHELBY CONNELL
	<p>Simply Swimming has been the business we worked with in past. Some parents have mentioned to PTO that they would like to see some lower cost items so PTO looked into other business/options. One idea proposed is that Rachel Betzen, a parent and graphic designer has offered to take on the project and could work with Guss Grafix company (run by Jen Roth's Dad). This company does spirit wear for many state schools/events and can offer a wide variety of items and will give VHE 25% of all sales after sales tax. The group discussed all aspects of this and votes to change for this next year and try new approach. One important goal is to be sure to have at least one simple, lower cost tshirt that all students can afford with goal of community building piece of this (in addition to fund raising as secondary goal)</p>	
	<p><b>PTO BOARD for next year: -Shelby Connell</b></p> <p>The following parents have agreed to fill roles on board for 2013-2014 school year:  President: Shelby Connell  Vice President: Carousel Bayrd  Treasurer: Dana McCloskey  Secretary: Sarah Van Riet  At Large: Susie Anderson, Heidi Weitzman, Jen Roth</p> <p>Will officially "vote" on this at next meeting.</p>	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Tuesday, May 14, 6:30pm -- MONDO discussion followed by brief meeting	