

# VHE PTO Board Meeting

MINUTES

NOV 8TH

7:00PM

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<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	PTO President Shelby Connell
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**Attendees:** Shelby Connell, Julia Stein, Peg Keeler, Sue Stanton-Messimer, Beth Cantwell, Donna McGuire, Carousel Bayrd, Tara Pabellon, Danielle Thai, Weijun Shang, Jane Koval, Alexandra Corten, Candi Pedretti, Scott Sussman

## REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (OCT)

Minutes from October meeting were circulated, but a motion was not made to pass. Will need to pass October and November minutes at December meeting.
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## EVENT UPDATE – SHELBY CONNELL

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Noodles Night was well-received. Will know total raised from the event in December.</li><li>• Giving Tree has been put up in the entryway.</li><li>• PTO has a Facebook page. Danielle Thai is managing that effort.</li><li>• Direct Appeal has raised just over \$11,000 so far.</li><li>• REAP generated \$3,700 in purchases, which is \$1,400 in profit for VHE.</li><li>• Garden Update:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Submitted a \$2,000 grant for teacher training.</li><li>○ Ms. Rieke donated a martin house that will be used this spring.</li><li>○ The Garden Club went well. Currently surveying parents for suggestions/improvements</li><li>○ A new windflower and pole have been donated and installed (the previous one was stolen).</li></ul></li><li>• Scholastic Book Fair begins Thursday, Nov. 10.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Discussion of whether to use raised funds in "Scholastic \$\$'s" which has a higher value, or in a cash percentage payout.</li><li>○ Unanimously approved to use maximize the funding by using Scholastic \$\$'s.</li></ul></li></ul> |
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## PRINCIPAL REPORT – PEG KEELER

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laminator was purchased and arrived. Teachers are very happy with it.</li><li>• HBO filmed at VHE for their upcoming documentary "The Weight of the Nation."</li><li>• November will have a school-wide focus on anti-bullying.</li><li>• This year MMSD received some one-time use funds, through which VHE is receiving a 0.5 reading interventionist to work with 15 kids for 6-8 weeks of intensive intervention. Will continue to add children, if possible.</li><li>• VHE also received additional \$31,000 in funding for technology. Goal is get technology into children's hands. New items expected to arrive in March.</li></ul> |
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## TREASURER REPORT -- WEIJUN SHANG

- TOTAL CASH ON HAND: \$13,515
- About an additional \$5,000 in accounts payable
- Discussion around goal planning. The PTO has a nice amount of money right now. It's time to focus on what our priorities should be in spending it.
  - Discussion of carnival – new leadership could change the look of this event and the amount it raises.
  - Rummage sale is still in question for this year.
  - Important to look at the results of last year's parent survey to inform goals.

## FUNDING REQUESTS:

- K/1 Parent's Night Out
  - Donna McGuire, representing the K/1 teachers requested \$300 to pay for pizzas for a fundraiser they are holding on December 16 to raise \$2,000 for literacy-based play equipment for the K/1 classrooms. Request was approved

unanimously, although K/1 teachers will continue to look for a food donation.

- 2/3 Math Night
  - Sue Stanton-Messimer purchased 100 decks of cards for the upcoming 2/3 math night. Requested \$52.75 reimbursement. Request was approved unanimously with one abstaining.
- Vacuum Cleaner
  - Custodians need improvements in vacuum cleaning equipment. Unanimously approved purchase of one \$420 vacuum. Will evaluate potential additional purchase next month.
- Technology—wait until next month
- Tennis Ed Training/Rackets—Jane Koval, representing the phy ed teachers, asked for \$150 for phy ed teachers to participate in U.S. Tennis Association training at SWIEO this year. Will receive the training as well as 24 rackets. Pending Box Tops money should be enough to cover this expense.
- CD player for Library listening station
  - Current player broken
  - Donna McGuire to offer hers instead of purchasing new.

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#### **SQUARE ONE ART FUNDRAISER**

- Alexandra Corten presented the advantages of proceeding with an art-based fundraiser through Square One Art.
- Beth Cantwell enthusiastic about working with children in this effort, but would not be able to fit it into the curriculum this year.
- Decided to consider the fundraiser for next year with artwork collected at the beginning half of the year and used for either the winter holidays or Mother's Day marketing.

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#### **DIABETES WALK**

- Jane Koval asked the PTO to consider moving the time of the June 4<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social 30 minutes to 5:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm. Her goal is to conduct a Walk for Diabetes walk with the children prior to the event. Unanimous approval for her request.

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#### **WINTER DANCE**

- Danielle Thai provided an update on planning for the winter dance scheduled for January 20 from 6pm-8pm. The event will be free for attendees. Motion to allocate \$250 to the dance committee to fund this event. Approved.

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	<b>Meeting Adjourned. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm at VHE</b>
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