



Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting March 19th, 2024 - 6:00pm
In Person in VHES Learning Commons and online via Google Meet

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Record of Attendees **Trevor Hassler, Kristen Cruden, Nicole Arndt-Wenger, Melissa Gaddini, Sara Svir, Mae Haley, Stephanie Battista, Dannielle White**
2. Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes **Approved**
3. Treasurer Report
 1. Recap of current financial in/out and account balances. Plan to add balance total on budget handouts.
 2. Requests for funds
 1. Preschool purchase of \$268.04. Majority was covered by donation, working on a tax discount. Can PTO cover the rest (\$23.07-\$43.04)? **Approved**
 2. Field trip request for Ms. Haley? **Approved**
 3. Responsive Classroom Training for teachers (professional development, \$870/person) **Approved**
 4. MIA Field Trip Bus Reimbursement **Approved**
 5. 5th Grade Patrols 3rd/4th Quarter Celebration **Approved**
 6. Mrs. Gaddini chicken egg incubator **Approved**
 3. Teachers submit wishlist/cost for classroom needs/requests (globe, document camera)
4. Principal Report **Specialists are the same next year as this year: gym, art, music. Kindergarten Round-up next Tuesday, flyers being sent out. MCA testing for 3/4/5 grades start in April, communication going home with students. Vadnais Heights teachers who were nominated for WB teacher of the year - tons at VH! Check out the list on WB District newsletter!**
5. 2023 - 2024 Executive Board updates
 1. Chair - Kristen Cruden
 2. Secretary - Nicole Arndt-Wenger
 3. Treasurer - Trevor Hassler
 4. Social Media/Communications liaison role - nominations?
 1. Jenny Hesse **Approved**
 2. Others?
6. Events: Recap & Upcoming
 1. Snow Much Fun Event - Thursday 2/22, 5-6:30pm
 1. Organizing and preparation of baskets- turnout of donations was great, could use volunteers to build/wrap baskets. Request donation of baskets? Create process docs

2. Silent auction baskets - \$1166.00 raised
2. Teacher Appreciation Week - May 6-10 - how can we support? **Provide food: snack/lunch - Principal Svir will get a cake for W. PTO will cover M, T, Th, F. Ideas: bagels, donuts, sandwiches, ice cream bars, store bought/grabbable, should feed at least 50. Jersey Mike's offers school discount. No concern for diet restriction.**
3. February dine out did not occur. Should we plan April dine out? **Culvers again? Kristen will call**
4. Spring event scheduled for May 9th - what is needed/what can we do?? **Plan to do Pizza, need volunteers to receive money/coordinate. PTO could offer popcorn/drinks.**
5. HS having Homecoming in Fall 2024 - requesting representation from all schools to work event. VH stance is all students welcome to attend, VH school will not sponsor at event but PTO is welcome to coordinate/volunteer
6. Add-On Ideas: provide snacks at school events/fundraisers (popcorn, water/soda)
7. Future projects
 1. **PTO closet clean out planned - Thursday 3/21?**
 2. **Updating PTO website - create GoogleSuite vs updating current site**
 3. **Spirit wear sale did not happen this year. Plan to find online platform for future Spirit Wear clothing purchases**
 4. **Create process docs for school events (silent auction baskets, Dine out, winter fundraiser,)**
 5. **Ideas for school/classroom use of PTO funds: globes/world maps, document camera, staff break room update - have teachers submit ideas/cost for review**
 6. **Responsive Classroom - teachers are being encouraged**
 7. **PTO Volunteer Recruitment Night**
8. Any questions/information items?