



Parker-Varney PTG Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Attendance

Administration: Kathleen Turner (Principal), Kevin Henry (Asst Principal)

PTG Board Members: Kristin Reedy (Co-Pres), Kelly Jobel (VP & 4th), Tanya Zinck (Sec), Christine Carter (Fundraising Coord), Tina Kelly (Donations Coord), Liane McNamara (Sub-committee Coord), Keith Roberge (Box Tops Coord)

Teachers/Staff: Judith Moran (1st), Megan Waligura (1st), Pam Lane (2nd), Mary Barry (4th), Cris Miller (Librarian), Kate Messinger (Social Worker)

Parents/Grandparents: Elias Torres, Angela Torres, Candace Veziris, Janet Boucher, Melissa Sakellar, Amy Richards, Lisa Miller, Nichole Eggerling, Chad Rousseau, Kelly Beaudet, Sherylin St. Onge, Melinda Asprey, Natalia Sycnevsky, Alexander Brown

Secretary's Report

The April 12, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

As of 05/15/11, the PTG general fund total was \$21,020.08. An additional \$483.06 has been designated for use by specific grades (K-5). The Scrip account total was \$4,941.10.

Fundraising Update

Scrip: P-V gets a percentage of gift card sales purchased through this program. Gift cards can be given as gifts or used for everyday purchases. The money we raise with this program is currently designated for playground improvements. A pavilion would be a great addition to provide shade and outdoor classroom space for activities like the nature observations done in the fall. Other ideas and input are welcomed.

Chuck E. Cheese: May 19, 2011, 3:00-9:00 p.m. Mention P-V and 15% of purchases will go to our school!

Fisher Cats Game: June 11, 2011, 7:05 pm, tickets are \$8. Plenty of tickets are still available so groups can still be seated together.

Fall Fundraising: Discussed the pros/cons of using Yankee Candle again. Mia Bella, a company that makes soy-based candles was also discussed. Ideas and input are welcomed.

Volunteer Update

Volunteers are needed for Field Day. Please contact Tiffany Joseph, another PTG board member or your child's teacher if you would like to help.

Donations Update

The next event for which donations will be solicited is Lunch With Santa.

Other Topics

Kate Messinger: Ms. Messinger has been an important part of P-V as our part-time Social Worker. Funds from the School Improvement Grant will be making it possible for Gossler and P-V to each have

their own full-time SW. We wish her well as she transitions to full-time at Gossler.

Mary Barry: Miss Barry has been a teacher in kindergarten and now 4th grade at P-V. She is retiring at the end of this year. She has shown her dedication to the students of P-V both as a teacher and also through her involvement in the PTG. We wish her well during this exciting transition.

Field Day: Will be Thursday, June 2, 2011 (raindate: June 3, 2011). This is a fun annual event for students to enjoy outdoor activities including face painting, bounce houses and games. Volunteers are extremely important to the success of this yearly P-V tradition. Also, a couple kiddie pools are needed. Please contact Miss Jobel if you are able to donate one.

2011-2012 P-V PTG Board Election Results:

Co-Pres: Mike and Kristin Reedy

Vice Pres: Kelly Jobel

Secretary: Candace Veziris

Treasurer: Nichole Eggerling

Donations Coordinator: Tina Kelly

Box Tops Coordinators: Kristin Reedy and Liane McNamara

Open Positions: Fundraising Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Subcommittee Coordinator

If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Kelly Jobel at kjobel@mansd.org or Kristin Reedy at klr1570@hotmail.com.

Ice Cream Social: Attendance was lower but attendees had a great time visiting students' classrooms, eating ice cream, winning raffles and socializing.

Box Tops: \$2400 has been raised this year. The final contest of this year is from May 16-27, 2011. Results will be known on June 1, 2011. Please continue to save Box Tops, used printer cartridges, old cell phones and Labels for Education over the summer for next fall.

Parent Express e-mail: Please sign up to receive e-mail updates from the PTG beginning this coming 2011-2012 school year. The new PTG board would like to be responsible with P-V resources by using software recommended by PTO Today instead of paper as its primary way of distributing notices and meeting minutes. The PTG does not have access to the Family Portal or P-V managed contact information.

Kindergarten Orientation: The PTG will be welcoming incoming families of 2011-2012 kindergarteners at their orientation.

Administration Address

Harvard Pilgrim and City Year: These two organizations will be working together on May 26, 2011 to make even more improvements to P-V's playground. Some of the exciting improvement plans include installing benches near the play equipment and painting activities for students on the tarred area (ex. hopscotch, huge clock, map of US, 4-square). We are so thankful.

City Year Team Members' last day: Plans are underway to show P-V's appreciation to these people who have demonstrated their commitment to kids.

Manchester Police Dept Visit: P-V students enjoyed an exciting visit from Chief Mara and MPD officers including Parkside Resource Officer, Officer Desmarais. Students made P-V proud with their manners and enthusiasm while getting to see valuable tools used by our city's police department including a Segway, ATV's, mobile crime lab, SWAT vehicle, horses and a motorcycle.

Memorial Day Program: Will be held May 27, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

PIRC (Parent Involvement Resource Committee): Will be held after this meeting. Surveys will be reviewed.

Full-time Social Worker: Ginger Byron will be P-V's new full-time social worker.

AED: The process of acquiring an AED will continue through the summer. The goal is to have one at P-V by September 2011.

Emergency Preparedness: An on-site evacuation drill went very well. An off-site evacuation is being planned and will be coordinated with local resources including Manchester's police, fire department and churches.

**Thank you to everyone for the countless ways you have supported
and contributed to P-V this school year!**