



Wednesday, March 1, 2017

The Vista School PTO Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

Attendance

Candis Chubb, Violet Rush, Linda Whipple, Diane Powell, Jamie Stauffer, Kylie Stauffer, Mary Beth Gatchell, Meggan Landis, Bonnie Steigerwalt, Amanda Pendleton, Nicole Miller, John Miller, Alexis Kern, Emily Ferguson, Danielle Spencer, Brett Spencer, Doreen Hand and Shanan Vanatta

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Treasurers Report

No new changes have been made to the Treasurers Report since the last update. If you have any questions regarding the Treasurers Report please contact Meggan Landis at megganlandis@yahoo.com.

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Board Updates

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Training Updates: Amanda Pendleton was present to speak about upcoming and future trainings, as well as, updates to the training website. Upcoming trainings are as follows: March 15, Introduction to Secondary Transition & VASO; March 29th Introduction to The Vista School Toilet Training Program; April Easter Parent Connection (details to follow); April 19th- Life Care Planning; April 28th- Parent Collaboration and Training Opportunity for Parents of The Vista School and VASO. Upcoming May/June possible training topics include; Safety Training and Techniques, OT play and leisure skills, adolescent and puberty training, and K-9 training. Childcare is available with most trainings. Please visit www.thevistaschool.org and click on “Events and Calendars” to view and register for trainings, as well as other events in the area. You can register online or contact Amanda to RSVP for any session that you interested in attending at apendleton@thevistaschool.org or 717-583-5102 ext.1136. All sessions will also be available via video conferencing through Zoom <https://zoom.us/>.

Hershey Bears: The Hershey Bears are hosting an Autism Awareness Night on Sunday, March 12 from 12pm to 5pm at the Giant Center. Discount tickets of \$21.20 (Section 102) or \$16.75 (Section 202) are being offered. Other special offers include, a separate entrance through the club doors, and quiet room in the Coco Den.

Community Open House: In light of April and Autism Acceptance Month Vista is hosting a Community Open House to the public on April 20, 2017 from 4 to 7pm. The event will consist of a brief recognition program, tours, and information stations. Respite care is available from 5pm to 7pm for Vista families that are interested in

attending but must RSVP. Please RSVP to www.thevistaschool.org/community by April 12, 2017.

Bike Day: Doreen Hand, Vista School PT, was present to discuss a potential “Adaptive Bike Day”. The goal is to hold a bike day on the Vista campus where students can test adaptive bikes. Doreen will be sending home brochures to all Vista families containing qualifying details and if you are interested please simply complete and return the brochure in your students backpack. If you have questions regarding an adaptive bike for your son or daughter please contact Doreen directly at dhand@thevistaschool.org.

Fundraising: The Vista PTO is currently making efforts to team up with the York Revolution for a Vista Family Night at the ballpark. Please stay tuned, as more details will be coming available. If you have any questions in the interterm, please contact Nicole Miller at miller142316@gmail.com. Have BoxTops for Education but no time to cut them out? Did you know that cutting out the box tops is a valuable teaching tool for the students at Vista? For more details please reach out to Mary Beth Gatchell at mare47@earthlink.net.

Easter Egg Hunt: Vista’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 12, 2017 at the Vista School Campus. The Hershey Company will provide donations of candy.

Special Olympics: This years Track & Field Event will be held on April 20th. A letter was sent home March 1, 2017 via backpack mail outlining important information regarding of this years Special Olympics. Please reference to this letter for dates, times, and locations. All questions regarding Special Olympics should be directed to Violet Rush at vrush@thevistaschool.org.

ESY: Extended School Year planning is currently underway and a request was submitted by Violet Rush, Student Services Manager, asking the PTO to provide funding for the variety of activities provided to the students. The board approved the request.

Washer & Dryer Request: A request was presented to the PTO board to provide funds for the purchase of 3 new high efficiency washers and 3 new high efficiency dryers for the Vista School due to the age, over use, poor performance, and continued need of service with the current machines. The use of the new machines would handle the laundry needs related to swimming, toileting, workout/gym, and day-to-day laundry. The PTO board approved this request.

2017 Golf Tournament: Golfers, raffle donations, and Sponsors are needed. Please contact Jamie Stauffer at jaistauffer@gmail.com with any questions regarding the 2017 Golf Tournament.

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Questions regarding the meeting minutes can be directed to Kylie Stauffer at ktf113@hotmail.com.

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