

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

The Vista School PTO Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Attendance

Meggan Landis, Kylie Stauffer, Jamie Stauffer, Ali Jaffry, John Miller, Nicole Miller, Alexis Kern, Shaun Gatchell, Mary Beth Gatchell, Linda Whipple, Alecia Galvin, Amanda Pendleton, Shanan Vanatta, Troy Vanatta, Emily Ferguson, Danielle Spencer, David Brett Spencer, Violet Rush.

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Executive Board Introduction

Your Vista PTO Executive Board members for the 2016 -2017 school year are as follows: Shanan Vanatta- President, Nicole Miller- Vice President, Meggan Landis- Treasurer, Kylie Stauffer-Secretary.

Treasure's Report

Review of summer expenses, projected budget for 2016-2017 school year, budget allotment amounts in regards of where to spend money, and discussion of a new school van. All questions regarding the Treasure's Report can be directed to Meggan Landis at megganlandis@yahoo.com.

Board Updates

Calendar of Events: View Upcoming Events via PTO website or Bulletin Board located in main lobby. Please check frequently because we are always adding new events. Please contact Kylie Stauffer at ktf113@hotmail.com should you have any questions or ideas for upcoming events.

New PTO logo: The PTO logo is getting a makeover! Three choices were offered and the PTO board unanimously voted for option "B". Keep an eye out for the new logo.

Parent Training: Amanda Pendleton has returned to Vista and is looking for ideas on how to best reach parents for feedback. Amanda is looking to develop a 2-3 year plan for parent training. A survey will be provided via email, backpack mail, and at Back to School night. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. It will provide Amanda with much needed parent insight. Amanda is also planning to start a Mixer for all Vista parents and a Luncheon for the newer parents of Vista. Amanda is hoping to bring back the Parent Connections Program as well. This program pairs tenured Vista parents with new Vista parents to be a mentor

and help them navigate Vista. If you have any feedback, training ideas, or questions please contact Amanda Pendelton at apendelton@thevistaschool.org.

Fundraising: Ideas for fundraising events consist of Bake Sale, Special Needs Zumba Event, and Vista Family Movie night. The Chipotle fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, October 25 from 4pm to 8pm at the Hershey location. A suggestion was made to try and encourage other Chipotles in surrounding counties to participate in order to reach more Vista families. Paint Night will be held on November 10th at the Gas Station in Hershey. Have a fundraising idea or suggestion?? Please reach out to Nicole Miller at Miller142623@gmail.com.

Food Trucks for Staff In-service: Voted on which Food Trucks to offer at next staff In-Service.

Homeroom Parents: The PTO is looking for Homeroom Parents to provide support during special events. Please consider volunteering. A Homeroom Parent helps plan classroom holiday parties and coordinate donations from classroom families. If you are interested in becoming a Homeroom Parent for your son or daughter, please contact Becky Huhn at k_huhn@msn.com.

Respite: Vista PTO will be offering respite on the 1st Saturday in December. Vista staff will be available to watch Vista students for a 4-hour time frame. Students will participate in different themed activities. A time is currently being established. At the present time this event is only open to the students of Vista and will not include siblings. More information will become available as the date draws closer.

Back to School Night: Thursday, September 15, 2016. The event begins at 6:30pm with a Parent Mixer, followed by Staff Presentations from 7:00pm to 7:45pm, and ending with a visit to student classrooms from 7:45pm to 8:30pm. Make sure to check out all the various information station that will be offered. Just as a reminder students are dismissed at 1:00pm and there is No School on September 16, 2016. Please stop by the PTO table and say, "hello". If you have any questions about Back To School Night please reach out to Shanana Vanatta at shananlenorevanatta@gmail.com.

Walk for Education: To date, the Walk has raised over \$13, 000! The Walk for Education will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm with a rain date of September 23, 2016. Activities at this years walk include, a dry inflatable slide, dunk tank, photo booth, various mascots from local businesses, an obstacle course, and a giant bowling game. Refreshments will include water donated by Pepsi Co., popcorn and cotton candy donated by the Wagner family, and fruit/vegetable trays donated by Giant. If you did not get a chance to order a Vista PTO Walk t-shirt or water bottle there will be a limited amount to purchase the day of the walk. In addition to the Walk for Education at Vista this year the

PTO is excited to announce there will also be an additional Walk venue held at the Clipper Stadium in Lancaster from 4pm to 5pm. This walk has no rain date. Eric Scott, a Vista parent, was able to get the stadium at little cost and then found 6 business partners to underwrite the cost so this event is being held at no cost to Vista. A big 'thank you' to Eric! Please spread the word about both of Vista's amazing walks. If you have any questions regarding the Walk For Education please contact Shanana Vanatta at shananlenorevanatta@gmail.com.

Golf Tournament: A detailed request was presented for a change of venue and all board members made a motion to accept the change. The 2017 Vista PTO Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Dauphin Highlands Golf Club. If you have any questions regarding the Golf Tournament please contact Jamie Stauffer at jaistauffer@gmail.com

Final Comments

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the meeting and we are looking forward to a successful 2016-2017 PTO school year! If you have any questions regarding the meeting minutes please feel free to contact Kylie Stauffer at kf113@hotmail.com.