



Wednesday, October 5, 2016

## The Vista School PTO Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

### Attendance

Violet Rush, Candi Chubb, Diane Powell, Linda Whipple, Alexis Kern, John Miller, Nicole Miller, Emily Ferguson, Jamie Stauffer, Kylie Stauffer, MaryLou Miller, Shanana Vanatta

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### Board Updates

**Walk for Education:** The Walk for Education raised a total of \$44,786.30!! The grand total also includes the \$16,150 raised by Linda Whipple for the Vista Foundation. Thank you to everyone who supported the walk and helped make it such a success! The board discussed the purchase of a new school van and possible allotments for classrooms as potential avenues in which the walk money will be spent. No official vote was cast at this time. If you have any questions regarding the walk please contact Shanana Vanatta at [shananlenorevanatta@gmail.com](mailto:shananlenorevanatta@gmail.com).

**Lancaster Walk for Education:** The Lancaster Walk for Education held at Clipper Stadium was also a success and brought in 30 to 40 additional walkers! The Vista Foundation was given the opportunity to share Vista's story with 35 local business leaders. A special thank you to the Scott Family for making the Lancaster Walk possible!

**Career & Development Coordinator -MaryLou Miller:** Vista's Career & Development Coordinator, MaryLou Miller, was present to discuss programs, what they do, where they are, and how parents can help. MaryLou's team oversees employment for students, works with businesses to find suitable employment matches, and teaches students social skills, navigation, and production. Vista has a job finding program that helps Vista students find paid employment and is always looking for new business partners. If you happen to be employed with or know of an employer who you feel would be a good match for a Vista student please reach out to MaryLou Miller at [mmiller@thevistaschool.org](mailto:mmiller@thevistaschool.org).

**Parent Training Surveys & New Parent Luncheon:** Amanda Pendelton has currently received 31 parent-training surveys and will be holding a drawing on Friday for the winner of the \$25 gift card. Invitations for the new parent training will be going out soon. Parents that have been at Vista for 3 years or less will be invited to participate in this luncheon. Amanda is also partnering with the Derry Township Police to provide training for parents. If you have any questions about trainings please contact Amanda at [apendelton@thevistaschool.org](mailto:apendelton@thevistaschool.org).

**Owl'oween Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** The Vista PTO will be holding it's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Owl'oween Pumpkin Decorating Contest. All Vista classrooms will be invited to create their best "owl" themed pumpkin. All registered pumpkins will be on display in the main lobby from October 26<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by the main lobby in the High School and cast your vote! Prizes will be awarded for each of the following categories: Best in Show, Most Creative, and Most School Spirit. Winners will be announced at the Holiday Owl'oween Parties. If you have questions about the pumpkin contest please contact Kylie Stauffer at [kf113@hotmail.com](mailto:kf113@hotmail.com).

**Photography Event:** The Vista PTO Photography Event was a huge success and a special thank you to MaryLou Miller, Yvonne Weaver, Nicole Miller, and Sarah Hurst for making this day possible for families and staff! Any questions regarding the photography event can be directed to Kylie Stauffer at [kf113@hotmail.com](mailto:kf113@hotmail.com).

**Food Truck:** During the November 4<sup>th</sup> Staff In-Service, The Vista PTO will be providing staff with lunch from two local food trucks. Staff will have the opportunity to select from the food truck of his or her choosing for lunch. We will be asking parents to consider sending in desserts for the staff on this day. If you have any questions regarding the food truck in-service please contact Kylie Stauffer at [kf113@hotmail.com](mailto:kf113@hotmail.com).

**Upcoming Fundraisers:** Please stop by the Chipotle in Hershey on October 25, 2016 from 4pm to 8pm. 50% of the proceeds will go to the Vista School PTO! Paint Night will be held on November 10, 2016 at the "What If" Restaurant in Hershey. The painting selected for this year's event will be a holiday wreath. \$45 gets you everything needed for your painting experience. \$15 from every painting will be donated to the Vista School PTO. Food and drinks will be provided at an additional cost. Can't paint? No problem! An instructor is on hand to make sure everyone walks away with a Picasso! The holiday wreath will make a great gift for family or friends. Please come join us on November 10<sup>th</sup>! Lastly, please stop by the Subway located at the Hershey Tanger Outlets on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm. 40% of the proceeds will go to The Vista School PTO. This is a great way to help support Vista and get some holiday shopping done on a full belly! Please make sure to mark your calendars with all these amazing fundraisers! If you have any questions or have a fundraising idea please reach out to Nicole Miller at [miller142623@gmail.com](mailto:miller142623@gmail.com).

**Golf Tournament:** Please save the date for our next big fundraiser. The Vista School PTO 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Dauphin Highlands Golf Course in Harrisburg, PA. This year's event Chairman will be Jamie Stauffer and the Co-Chair is Eric Scott. Along with this years new venue there will be a lot of updates and changes to the event. If you would like to be part of a golf committee please plan to attend the next PTO meeting on November 2, 2016. A majority of this meeting will pertain to the golf tournament and assigning committees. If you have any questions regarding the golf tournament please contact Jamie Stauffer at [jaistauffer@gmail.com](mailto:jaistauffer@gmail.com).

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## Final Comments

A special "Thank you" to the High School students that were instrumental in the preparation of the Walk for Education. These students assisted with collection of the water donation, wrapping water bottles with PTO labels, and distribution of Walk t-shirts and water bottles!