

Shenandoah Valley Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m., Library

Attendees

Missy Bredbenner, Beth Chausow, Amy Fitter, Barrett Hadican, Tiffany Johnson, Sonya Land, Carrie Luttrell, Danielle Mosley, Debbie Palazzola, Steven Shane, Jenni Stecher

Call to Order

Beth Chausow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The expectation of all PTO meetings is for them to last for approximately one hour. According to the published by-laws, one purposed of our meetings is to receive brief summary reports from all active committees. Only PTO business will be discussed at our meetings. Any personal or school district related issues should be discussed outside of the meeting with the appropriate school administrator at another time. One person at a time should speak so we may all hear each other and the recording secretary is able to provide us with clear and concise minutes of each meeting. The appointed meeting facilitator reserves the right to move the meeting forward, which means possibly limiting the time someone has to present their information.

Welcome

Beth Chausow introduced Jason Rooks, Guest Speaker, Director of Technology and Innovation with Parkway, to present information on student internet security.

January Meeting Minutes Approval

Beth Chausow moved to accept the January meeting minutes, and Jenni Stecher seconded this motion.

Wellness Committee

Beth Chausow announced Mandy Rajchart's Year in Review report.

- Fall walk and bike to school
- Spring walk and bike to school
- Healthy snack challenge for students during week
- Healthy snack challenge for staff on Wednesday
- Healthy snack recipe exchange on Wednesday
- Brain breaks promotion to staff
- Promotion of Parkway health fairs, runs, and weight loss challenges
- Staff workouts twice a week by Richard
- Staff exercise workshop with Richard
- Wellness committee met 4 times throughout the school year

Also, Mandy applied for National Recognition to be a "Let's Move, Active School." She should hear back in a couple weeks if we have received that honor or not. She will also be applying for a "Fuel Up to Play" grant to provide money for the events above.

Teacher Report

Amy Fitter thanked PTO for the food brought in for Staff birthday treats. They all love it. She also said thanks for everything else that PTO does including events such as Trivia Night. The staff felt very welcome to be there.

Principal's Report

Dr. Luttrell thanked the PTO for all they do on a daily basis. She provided cupcakes for their appreciation. She invited the whole school and any friends and family to meet at the track for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday at 3 pm. Students should wear sweat suits and tennis shoes. She explained how two parents within the

building had come to her to discuss how SVE's demographics have changed in the past five years, and how parents who are not from this country do not always feel like they belong at our current activities. SVE is using the structure of Diversity in Action (DIA) to encourage more inclusive activities. She also said that SVE would be encouraging participation in spelling or geography bees starting next year. She discussed more about the Leader in Me training over the summer and has invited parents to attend.

Reports of Standing Committees

Book Fair

Sonya Land announced that the next book fair would be May 10-12. This is the BOGO book fair and the third one this year. It will be held in King's Corner and in May so it will not distract the students in MAP testing at the end of April.

Spring Beautification

Sonya Land announced that spring clean-up and planting day is Sat., April 30. Patty Raimondi would like anyone available to come and help.

Spirit Day

Sonya Land announced Spirit Day is the last day of school, May 19. We will have picnic lunch, Reggie the DJ, field games and Juggling Jeff this year. Volunteer sign-up has been set up and will be sent out again in the update tomorrow. Dr. Luttrell added that it is a half day and school is dismissed at 1 p.m.

Treasurer Report

Missy Bredbenner explained that a copy of the current budget was on the back of the agenda. The Panther Pledge is now at approximately \$14,500. The Papa Johns promotion has done well this year and so has Target and we made our first \$20 with Amazon Smile. The Target promotion will expire at the end of the year.

President's Report

Beth Chausow managed elections. Missy Bredbenner (Treasurer) and Michele Duvall (Asst. Treasurer) will serve the second year of their terms next year. Beth will be going out as President to fill the role of Past President and Jenni Stecher has agreed to serve as Advisor next year. This is an assigned position.

Beth Chausow nominated Danielle Mosley for Recording Secretary and Sonya seconded it. Danielle was voted in as Recording Secretary.

Sonya Land nominated Anvita Nigam as Corresponding Secretary and Beth seconded it. Anvita was voted in as Corresponding Secretary.

Beth asked for nominations for Vice President. She also added that they would be open to 2 Co-VPs. Sonya went over the duties of the position.

Steven Shane nominated himself for Vice President and Sonya seconded it. Steven was voted in as Vice President.

Beth nominated Sonya Land for President and Jenni seconded it. Sonya was voted in as President.

Beth asked if there were any questions or any other PTO business to address.

Adjournment- Beth Chausow adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The next PTO meeting will be September 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

