

## **PTA Minutes 11/9/16**

### **1. Attendees:**

Stacey Birtwhistle  
Kara Palamaras  
Andi Malboeuf  
Katie Smith  
Amy Holm  
Jon Strickler  
Shari Grant  
Stephanie Barr  
Theresa Smith  
Hillary McSpadden  
Linda Hall

### **2. All Approved September 14th, 2106 Meeting Minutes**

### **3. Treasurer Update (Kara)**

#### **Overview of where the money is spent:**

Alumni Project (still valuable and great feedback)  
Halloween (great event, good relations with the town)  
Flowers, coffee maker in teachers lounge  
Teacher's gifts  
Yeti Wear

**PTA Dues.** They are done through a PayPal Account which is an easy process but very low % of families at this point. We discussed coming up with a better way to communicate this funding and where it goes. Timing is key as well – some times of year are better for asking for money than others. There was a suggestion to collect PTA dues under a tent at the spectacular in the fall. Another suggestion is to publish a thank you in the yeti times to those that donated.

### **4. Headmaster Report – Stacey Birtwhistle**

#### **New School Calendar**

Done and approved. Discussed changing the May 1-6 break moving forward? Teachers feel that the April break – one week of school and then another break is difficult for keeping up momentum in the classroom.

#### **3A&3B passed!**

VSSA will get 1.7M in capital improvements. Also an opportunity collect overflow funds from Eagle Valley High School. Linda Hall volunteered to reach out.

Also need 2 volunteers to work with construction – thinking 1 upper school parent and one lower school parent. We would then create a building committee and prioritize projects.

We talked about creating a survey sent out to all teachers, students and parents asking their opinion on the top 5 improvements to the school: blinds, lounge, etc...need volunteer?

### **Advisory & Electives**

This fall the Greenhouse was funded solely by a VSSA Family. The Greenhouse could still use some help with materials like plants, soil, etc. We are looking for a pottery wheel, shelving, etc...

This spring a 3D printing elective has been discussed. Need to purchase the 3D printer.

### **\*\*Teacher Request**

Looking for donations of digital cameras, ones where you can change shutter speed, etc.. It was discussed that you can apply for fund from E-fect in the fall. September is usually the deadline.

### **Academic Fund**

We are at \$13K of \$25K. There is a recognition dinner at the Hyot's on December 4<sup>th</sup> to thank those that gave. Seniors are cooking.

### **Fund Raising**

There was a long discussion about fund raising at this meeting. It was a common theme among attendees that giving money is confusing to the parents. Some are not sure of what's required, what is a basic ask and what is a big Thank You. We suggest that the VSSA donations, like the SSCV donations, are laid out on the website or written somewhere and explained to help parents understand. Perhaps Sharon and Eugenia could come together on this and lay it out for us.

## **5. Presidents Report**

### **Event Re-caps**

Teacher Conference Dinners were a big hit

Halloween was a huge success, helped our relationship W/Minturn

Getting a new Yeti costume

Town has approved sidewalks from town to the school

Veterans day was great - Thanks Jamie Allad

Homecoming a success thanks Jennifer, Steph and Gretchen. We talked about inviting another school next year? Pre dance dinner was great.

Alumni Care Packages – 18 this year VSSA hats are in and a note from the new students are going out. Cookies and delivery by Kim Strauch  
Teacher Holiday Gifts. Mid December. Alison Scarpella/Jessica De Linares. Need PTA contact to follow up and help out.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Teacher birthdays. Sign up genius Kelly Fralick/Ganley. Need to get the word out so more parents get involved. There was a suggestion to make a short questionnaire for all the teachers so we have ideas – favorite color, etc...volunteer?

Yearbook. Ashleigh and Katie Smith (Kelly and Ganley) are putting photos in Google drive now. PTA thinks yearbook should be a spring elective.

Need parents help for 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation May 24, 2017. Was it Thersa Smith for 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

Need parents help for Senior Graduation. Should be an 11<sup>th</sup> grade parent to help with Graduation. Amy Holm volunteered?

Parent Social – April 2017. Paul?!

## **6. Other:**

### **Bulletin Boards**

We did not discuss this time. Jamie Allard was in charge.

### **Kitchen Help**

Linda needs help! Looking for consistency 2 days a week about 4 hours a day. Paid position. We discussed instead giving free lunches for volunteers kids? Not sure that will happen.