

Valley View Elementary School

PTO August Meeting Minutes

Number of attendees: 22

Board Members

President	Jessy Widmer	Secretary	Amy Casey
Vice President	Christi Urbanek	Treasurer	Jerri Shultz

1. Approval of May Minutes
 - a. Kelly motioned, Lynne seconded; motion carried
2. Officer Report
 - a. Jessy Widmer, President
 - i. PTO manual is done- the committees and time commitments are described
 - ii. United PTO update- no United meeting yet this year
 - iii. By-laws need presented- it's been two years since the by-laws have been reviewed so it's time to review them and possibly make changes. No one at the meeting had a desire to be a part of the review process, so the executive board will review and present the by-laws at the next meeting.
 - b. Christi Urbanek
 - i. Memberships
 1. The membership dues all go toward the fine arts festival
 2. We are up to about 45 memberships so far which far surpasses last year
 3. We had a \$100 gift card to Oasis Car Wash that was donated for our spring fundraiser. One of our members won the card and donated it back to the PTO. We used the card as an incentive for families to sign up early. We held a drawing of the members that had signed up and Amy Muhl (VV music teacher) won the card.
 - c. Jerri Shultz, Treasurer
 - i. Treasurer report- the budget is now being done on Quick Books.
 - ii. We carried a balance of a little over \$2,000 from last year and the only income has been corporate sponsors from walk-a-thon.
3. Principal's Report
 - a. Mr. Roberts passed out a list of class sizes compared to the rest of the district
 - b. 12 new staff members this year- Mr. Roberts passed out a list of names
 - c. 2019-2020 Projects
 - i. STEM Designation- VV applied last year for the designation, but we didn't get it. Mr. Roberts is optimistic and will continue working toward that goal.
 1. STEM committee- broadened this year
 2. Partnerships- corporate and higher education partnerships
 3. Makerspace- always growing and evolving
 - ii. Online/Social Media Presence
 1. Suggestions- Mr. Roberts would like to showcase all the amazing things that go on everyday at VV.
 2. Mr. Roberts is thinking of using Instagram to get some pictures and videos out to parents and the community
 - d. Lockdown/Evacuation Drills
 - i. Lockdown: Week of Sept 16th
 - ii. Evacuation: Week of Oct 7th

- e. Goals
 - i. Continue developing P.A.W.S. time
 - 1. Stands for Practicing and Widening Skills
 - 2. This is an intervention and enrichment time that is set aside for every student, every day.
 - ii. Continue STEM initiative
 - iii. Continue effective RTI/Intervention Program
 - iv. Continue connecting with every child
- f. 2019 Preliminary State Report Card (Previous Year)
 - i. Achievement: Overall performance on state tests *bolded figures are this year () are last year's numbers
 - 1. Performance Index: **102.0 = 85%** (99.36=82.8%)
 - 2. Indicators Met: **80%** (50%)
 - 3. Overall Grade: **B** (C)
 - ii. GAP CLOSING: Meeting the needs of vulnerable students
 - 1. Annual Measurable Objectives: **100%** (100%)
 - 2. Overall Grade: **A** (A)
 - iii. K-3 Literacy: Improving at-risk K-3 readers
 - 1. Students moving from "off-track" to "on-track": **57.7%** (58.6%)
 - 2. Overall Grade: **B** (B)

4. Current Business

- a. Walk-A-Thon
 - i. Thursday, September 19th at 2pm. The kids will walk to the park and back
 - ii. Our theme is "Stronger Together." Every kid gets a t-shirt and parents can buy them too.
 - iii. There will be an online component for students to use to collect their donations.
 - iv. We are looking for connections to help us with class or school prizes
 - 1. Someone suggested a bounce house party for the whole school if we meet our goal. Mr. Roberts said YES
 - 2. Kim Laurene made the observation that if we have a theme of "stronger together" then pitting the classes against each other for prizes is counter intuitive. The group agreed to drop the top earner prizes and raffle the prizes to anyone who donates \$1 or more. Thank you, Kim!
- b. Mum Sale
 - i. Mum sale kicks off on 9-5-19 and will wrap up 9-16-19
 - ii. The company sent samples and we have set them out at the orientations to pique interest
- c. Fall Festival
 - i. Mum pick up is Oct 7th so we'd like to host a fun family event at that time.
 - ii. We have two plans for the Fall Festival. When we made and approved the budget in May, we planned for the fall festival to pay for itself. Meaning if we buy something for the fest, then we pass that cost onto the people coming. The FF committee would like to be able to offer a free event, but if we do that then we have to amend the budget
 - iii. Marie made the suggestion to move our September meeting to Sept 24th so we can have an idea of all the funds that were made from Mum sales and Walk A Thon. Ashley D'Andrea (member of fall festival committee) will have a better idea of how much money she would like to spend on Fall Festival so decisions will be made at that meeting.
- d. Flag stand for cafeteria- Lynne Erjavec runs the American Legion Jr. Auxiliary in Painesville and has a budget for items like this. They agreed to purchase the flag stand and base for Valley View and it was ordered in July. It's on back order and should be here in September.

5. New Business

- a. Committee openings- we need someone to head up Box Tops
- b. Future of Box Tops- box tops is all electronic this year and we need someone to take over that committee and get that rolling.
- c. Backpack Connection- the program starts mid-September.
 - i. We need to get a list of participants from Mrs. Paz
- d. Book Fair- Oct 14th-18th
 - i. Karina Ciccolini and Julie Middleman have agreed to co-chair the book fair with Kelly this year.
- e. Teacher Requests
 - i. We have allocated \$1500 this year for teacher requests
 - ii. Mrs. Sorrent has requested \$122 for a new Mat Cutter
 - 1. Jason motioned to approve the purchase, Laura seconded and the vote carried.

6. Looking Ahead

- a. Sept 9th- Mumsters sale kick off
- b. Sept 19th- Walk-A-Thon
- c. Sept 27th- No School
- d. Oct 3rd- Conferences- PTO provides dinner for staff
- e. Oct 7th- mum pick up and Fall Festival
- f. Oct 10th & 11th- No School
- g. Oct 14th-18th- Book Fair

7. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Amy motioned to adjourn, Christi seconded.