



Agenda – 3rd Quarter PTO Meeting

In attendance: Nicole Geraghty, Caitlin Whittington, Elina Wolf, Hayden Kobert, Katie Antonelli, Pablo Bailey, Nicolle Semaan, Victoria Bouchard, Jimena Baker Rivera

🌟 **Call to Order @ 8:35am**

1. Welcome & Introductions (Nicole)

- Welcome attendees
- Approve 2nd Qtr meeting minutes from November 19, 2025
 - Nicole motioned, Elina seconded, approved
- Change from last year doing quarterly meetings, we will discuss pros and cons before deciding when to hold meetings next school year
 - Will discuss morning vs. afternoon meetings for next year

2. Principal's / Asst. Principal Address (Ms. Vieira/Mrs. Roberts)

- Share school updates

3. Event/Committee Recap(s)

- Faculty & Student Thanksgiving Lunch (Kelly and Nicole)
 - 7 committee members
 - Decorated faculty room and cafeteria
 - Served faculty
 - Mission BBQ great vendor to work with
- Holiday House (Caitlin and Elina)
 - Roses
 - Loved variety of gifts this year
 - Helped flow of day sending out volunteer instructions ahead of time via email
 - Volunteers came in with app downloaded and ready to help kiddos!
 - Thorns
 - Ran out of medium size red bags
 - Send teachers “before shopping speech” to give to kids prior to shopping
 - Possibly send home name labels for bags ahead of time for parents to fill out
 - Raised over \$6300
- Giving Tree (Kelly and Nicole)
 - 11 families total
 - 4 families ARHS owned
 - VME had 7 families
 - Bought for all children even if not VME student
 - Each child received shoes, books, clothes, underwear, socks, and wish list item
 - Parents received multiple gift cards

- 2 local businesses partnered to provide Christmas Eve dinner
 - In addition, 6 VME staff members received Walmart gift cards
- Winter Staff Appreciation/Blind Date with a book (Kelly and Nicole)
 - Change this year to breakfast instead of Cookies and Treats
 - Jason's Deli and House of Omelets food
 - Seed to Table donated beautiful trays of fruit
 - Blind Date with a Book
 - Gently used books, bookmarks, tea bags
 - 10 surprise Starbucks gift cards hidden
- Family Movie Nights (Kelly and Nicole)
 - Paragon Theater Movie
 - Zootopia 2
 - Last year's movie night was better attended (held in Sept)
 - Might also be because announcement of movie night was out late due to waiting on district approval on movie
 - On Campus Movie Night
 - January was great weather for event
 - Free popcorn and water
 - VME students voted on movie
 - How to Train a Dragon
 - Pre-purchase of pizza
 - Sold 90 pizzas
 - Not for profit, just break even
 - Ms. Delgado pop up table
 - Sold soda and glow sticks to raise money for end of year water slide
- Son's + One (Hayden, Kelly, Nicole)
 - 200 tickets this year vs. 209 last year
 - Look into having it later in the school year i.e. March or April next year
 - Sold spirit wear at event
 - Sign-up genius activity sign ups
 - Made event more fluid
 - 3 food trucks instead of taco bar
 - Received a kick back of \$80 from Scoops and \$50 from Loud Italian Pizza
 - Nice to eat on own time, in between playing games

4. Budget Review & Treasurer's Report (Hayden and Kelly)

- Discuss any major expenditures or upcoming financial needs
 - Current Balance \$51,379
 - Field trip check of \$4650 will be coming out of account
 - Will do budget review prior to setting up next year's budget
- Music Department grant request – discussion and consideration
 - 4th grade musical: Finding Nemo Kids
 - Grant will cover costumes, props, sets
 - Total cost=\$356.16
 - Asking for \$450
 - To cover any additional last-minute materials and taxes

- Approved
 - PTO will purchase items from our Amazon account
 - Suggestion from parent to sell roses at musical
 - Could be used as PBIS fundraiser for Ms. Delgado
- End of year water day mini-grant towards PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
 - \$2200-2400 is total for 2 inflatables
 - PTO transitioned Panera Spirit Night over to Ms. Delgado
 - Ms. Delgado has pop up at PTO Movie night to sell sodas and glow sticks
 - How were these inflatables paid for in years past? Out of what funds?
 - Nicole will ask
 - PTO happy to support financially if needed
- Budget of this year's events
 - Faculty and Student Thanksgiving Lunch
 - Budget of \$500, Spent \$722
 - Giving Tree
 - Budget of "breakeven", Spent additional \$81.50
 - Winter Staff Appreciation/Blind Date with a Boob
 - Budget of \$600, Spent \$759
 - Family Movie Night on Campus
 - Budget of \$400, Spent \$1050
 - Sons Plus One
 - Budget of "breakeven", spent \$984.54 (including the 2 food truck kickbacks)
- Allow for questions

5. Social Media Update

- Reminder of Teachers Fav Things
- Reminder to Like our Facebook/Instagram Pages

6. Campus Improvement (Elina)

- Any update here to discuss
 - Ms. Viera looking into banners and door signs
 - 5th grade handprints are up

7. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- Daughters and a Date (Elina and Hayden)
 - Sweetheart theme
 - DJ
 - 2 Guys Catering
 - Pasta bar
 - Glitter cupcakes
 - Wands and heart glasses
 - Will be passed out at event
 - Included in ticket price
 - Miss Lexi's will be there to provide hair tinsel services
 - Donating time for banner
 - Volunteers

- ARHS students
- Kindergarten Round Up – April 10 (Kelly and Nicole)
 - April 10th
 - PTO give a way
 - Snacks, coloring, etc.
- 5th Grade Graduation Support (Nicole)
 - 5th grade hallways need to be decorated
 - May 28th
 - PTO sponsored Scoops ice cream truck on campus for 5th graders
 - 5th graders will vote on what flavors
 - Will have 1 non-dairy option
 - 5th grade moving up ceremony
 - ARHS
 - PTO has VME lights, names on stars, star balloons
- Tile Painting Night (Kelly and Nicole)
 - Free Family Night
 - April 7th
 - Would like to have tiles donated
 - If anyone has connections
- Spirit Night
 - Waffle Monkey
 - Set for March 3 5-8pm
 - Change date due to 5th grade concert that night
- Roses are Red teacher door tags
 - Small valentines school supply gifts
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Board will meet to plan

7. Open Discussion / Parent Questions & Ideas (All)

- Suggestions, questions or concerns
 - Parents have asked to go back to every week Sunday Messenger
 - Need to brainstorm how to use our extra fundraised money
 - Sun structure for hard court
 - Board will have ideas and general pricing for May Meeting
 - Possible fundraisers suggested by Parents
 - Carnival
 - Teachers and PTO help man stations
 - Student pay for tickets for each game
 - Dunk tank usually raises a lot of money
 - Add carnival games to on campus movie night
 - Have games open before movie starts
 - Possible Events suggested by Parents
 - Family Picnic in the Spring
 - Free event for all
 - Bring your own food/blankets

- VME just hosts the space
- Can also include a water day and/or inflatables provided by PTO

8. Closing Remarks & Next Steps (Nicole)

- Our next meeting is May 13, 2026
 - PTO Board Elections
 - President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Non-Board Positions:
 - Communications Chair
 - Jr Chair Fundraising
 - Jr Chair Fall Fest
 - Jr Chair Family Events
 - Jr Chair Holiday House
 - Jr Chair Sons and Daughters Events

 **Meeting Adjournment @ 9:55am**