



Pleasant View Elementary

Pleasant View PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Pleasant View library

Present: Megan Barone, Steven Cotton, Olivia Logan, Mindy Gassman, Karyn Green, Valerie Campbell, Kristin Foley, Melissa Gilroy

Board Members:	President	–	Megan Barone
	Co-Vice-Presidents	–	Mindy Gassman, Karyn Green & Susan Smith
	Secretary	–	Olivia Logan
	Treasurer	–	Erin Onions
	Principal	–	Steven Cotton

Regular Business:

- Call to Order - 6:35 pm
- Approval of Minutes - Dec 2023 minutes approved, no January meeting because of weather
- Principal’s Report – Steven Cotton
 - Winter FAST scores came back. K&1st were for skills, 2nd-6th were for fluency. In the fall we were proficient, winter we are now at 85% proficient. 2nd and 5th grades both showed improvement. The spring will show the actual growth. The goal is to stay above 80%, ideally 85%. Teachers are working with students who are considered “at risk” according to the state. Targeted interventions are taking place such as fluency bootcamps. The scores and improvements change every year.
 - We DO have school this Friday, but it is an early dismissal at 1:30. Friday is an EARLY OUT.
 - The school board meeting (2/12) approved the new playground for the elementary schools. It will now go to bids and then the funding plan. The plan is to hopefully start the project in early May. Our playground will become a soft surface playground, no more pea gravel. Equipment will be reconfigured and we will get new equipment as well. The PTA shade shelter will move. There will be more grassy areas. The company that we hire (yet to be determined) will remove all equipment, and when it is time, replace the equipment that can be salvaged. We are going to work on getting accessible equipment that is ADA compliant.
 - Teachers are wanting to get involved in the playground plan. They are wanting to help with grant writing for the equipment. All schools and all PTA money will be pooled together for the district wide playground project.
- Treasurer’s Report – Erin Onions - The gift to school check was given to the school.

- President's Report – Megan Barone
 - Continued conversation about the playground. We are discussing using the Walkathon money to donate to the playground funding. Possibly use Fall Fest money from next school year, just being a one time thing.
 - The District will be going to a district wide kindergarten round-up book for all schools. We will use scholastic money to purchase some of the books and the district will cover the rest.
 - The Variety Show was a huge success. Thank you to the chairs of this committee for all of your hard work and dedication to bringing this event back. We had over 40 students participate.
 - World Culture Night was also brought back this year. We had over 15 tables and lots of positive feedback from families. The event was a late notice event and we hope for an even better turnout for next year. Some ideas thrown around for next year's event would be to have a signup genius for both parents and staff. Possibly setting up a subcommittee for staff so they can provide feedback to the PTA chairs of the event. Previous years (haven't had this event since before covid) there were laptop stations for research, VR, and more. This committee has open Chair positions!!!
 - It was brought up about having teachers and staff sign up to be like a "point person" for PTA events. Nothing would be required of them except to provide feedback to PTA chairs. Teachers and staff have different perspectives vs the parents running the events.
- Vice-President's Report – Mindy Gassman, Karyn Green & Susan Smith - none

New Business:

- Valentine's Day parties are at 2:30 on 2/14. Parent volunteers can arrive at 2:20.
- Staff Appreciation
- Book Fair - sign-ups for volunteers went out in e-news. The nights are 2/29 from 3:30-8 and 3/4 from 3-6. We are also looking for someone to take over the Book Fair Chair position for next year, please reach out if you are interested!
- Conference dinner for teachers - planning for pizza and salad
- Yearbook - sales are down this year. A copy of last year's yearbook will be on display at the book fair. Sales are down district wide. Discussions started on how we can increase sales (this is not a money maker but a way for us to hold strong to our Pleasant View family and community). Discussed having information to go home in unpack your backpack night. It isn't too late to order one for this year, but you need to do it soon! You can order through your parent portal.

Old Business:

- Variety Show
- World Culture Night

Announcements

- February 14 – Valentine's Day parties, 2:30pm
- February 16 – Early Dismissal (Snow Makeup Day), 1:30pm
- February 19 – No School – President's Day
- February 21 – Early Dismissal, 1:30pm

- February 29 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30 - 8:00pm
- February 29 – Book Fair, 3:00 - 8:00pm
- March 4 – Book Fair, 3:00 - 6:00pm
- March 4 – PTA meeting, 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm