

## Virginia Run Elementary



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### PTA General Meeting March 14, 2014

**Call to Order:** 9:35 AM by Lori Leventry, PTA President.

**Attendance:** Lori Leventry, Kim Beamon, Karen Mychalus, Angil Romitti, Allison Palmer, Christi Brubaker, Kari Lowery, Cynthia Lemke, Mindy Conway, Susan Patterson, Rebecca Brazier, Robin Osterhout, Laraine Edwards

**Minutes:** February 2014 minutes were approved. Motion by Susan Patterson and seconded by Robin Osterhout. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

#### **New Business:**

- Lori Leventry reported that the current PTA Executive Board member positions are open along with several Committee chairs-if interested contact Rebecca Brazier. Information is on our PTA website and an email has been sent out to VRES parents to inform everyone. The first step is finding candidates to fill the Executive Board position. At the June General PTA meeting we will vote on Candidates and also vote on the Budget. A few chair position need to be filled before the end of the current school year so they can plan for activities that start with the new school year. (example Back to School Picnic and Teacher/Staff Appreciation chairs)

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Karen Mychalus noted a line item was added for Lego Club. Lego Club collected \$5,775 to date. The website maintenance fee for this year was \$64.00, with a line item was also added to budget. The Variety Show brought in \$1,144.80 to date. The 6 graders sold t-shirts for their end of school celebration so the PTA did not have the t-shirt sales income this year. Mindy Conway noted that the Community Usage fee will be going up next year. Bullying Prevention YTD collected \$1,473.00 of which most of that was from the sale of Bullying Prevention T-Shirts. Bank Interest & fees has to be refunded costing \$125.00.

#### **Vice President Committee Chairs Reports:**

- Kim Beamon reported that a running club and a Yoga club will be offered in April. Amy German, Chair of Lost and Found, is working with VRES counselors to donate items to local schools that may be in need of coats. Parents were contacted for those students whose names were on lost items. PE camp will be shortened and dates have changed due to the added days to the school year. New dates are June 30-July 3 and will offer two sessions-AM and PM. If we have a large number of students sign up, a lottery will take place.
- Allison Palmer Co-Chair of Lego Club reported the feedback has been positive and the possibilities are endless. The fee was \$150 and still filled the 50 available slots. If enough interest we could look into offering more days to accommodate all the kids, but in order to do that this would require

additional parent volunteers. It was suggested to the Board into possibility of offering a scholarship. If kids are interested in Robots Lego the cost would be more. Also suggestion for Lego camps.

- Mindy Conway Chair of Culture Arts discussed that the Pottery club was a great success and would recommend having it just once a year, because of fee. Also, two more assemblies are planned for this school year.
- Susan Patterson VP of Social reported the Teacher Soup and Salad Luncheon was held February 24. The teachers and staff were very appreciative. Custodian Week was February 24-28 with a Luncheon held on February 26. Amy Lowery will Chair the Teacher Appreciation committee. The Cub Run vs VRES volleyball game will be held March 21. Pizza will be served but has to be pre-ordered. The Spring Dance will be scheduled in May and pictures from that event will not make it in the yearbook..
- Angil Romitti reported for Kelly Bobek VP Fundraising. Our participating stores include Giant, Target & Harris Teeters. Giant has earned us \$1,290.00 with 67 participants that signed up. Target 1,300.00 with 71 participants and Harris Teeter \$315.00 with 31 participants.
- VRES Principal Laraine Edwards reported that the SOL testing has started. By April 25 the school will know the staff and student projection for 2014/15 school year. RC2 and Intervention Block will continue. Teachers will be working together to collaborate as teams in their classrooms. Mrs. Edwards noted that due to the extra days added to the school year, she has advised all grade level teachers to submit a lesson plan for the extra days. Also has advised against using the extra days for watching movies. VRES will have a Welcome Walk this coming school year and it will be scheduled for August 28. Mrs. Edwards suggested that the PTA hold its annual welcome back picnic on the same day. Work is in progress to have a Teacher Welcome Walk in the morning followed by the teacher luncheon hosted by the PTA. In the afternoon a school open house will follow where the students/parents can come and drop off or pick up school supplies and see the classroom. This would be followed by a PTA Welcome Back picnic. A motion was made and passed for moving the PTA Welcome Back Picnic to the same day as the Welcome Walk on August 28. Information on this event will be sent out in advance to inform parents of the date.

**Next General PTA Meeting:**

- May 6, 2014 at 7pm.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:45 AM