

PTO General Meeting September 15th, 2010

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Meeting began at 8:30am/6:30pm

Introductions of the PTO board

Shoshana Russell- President

Claudia Lainez- Vice President

Heather Eason- Treasurer and Art Literature Coordinator

Janelle Fast- Secretary

Skylar Rencher- Assistant Treasurer

Julie Eiguren- Fundraising Coordinator

Selena Yokoyama- Assistant Fundraising Coordinator

Luis Piril- Volunteer Coordinator

Dulce Nash- Assistant Volunteer Coordinator

The PTO will be holding meetings every other month this year. We will have 2 of those meetings in the morning. We are hopeful that this will accommodate more schedules and we will have higher attendance. We would like to hear parents feedback on the morning meetings for next year.

Shoshana explained what PTO is to new parents and how important it is for our children's success. What the PTO raises is very important to field trips because of budget cuts this year. The PTO's goal this year is to increase parent participation, raise money to help with school needs and plan more activities for families.

Volunteer information- how to get involved!

Fill out the volunteer interest form "Just say yes". Mark the activities that you might be interested in helping with. It is very important that we have your contact information, so we can check in with you. We are in the process of sending things out via email, so please give us your email address if you have one. You can drop your form in the PTO box or turn it in to your child's teacher.

The school nurse is in need of 12 parent volunteers for the vision/hearing screening of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade students on Wednesday, October 6th from 8am-noon.

We need volunteers for the Dental Van on October 22nd.

Mrs. Harger is taking donations for the annual yard sale. The money earned is used for scholarships for former Vose students. Please bring your donations to the school.

A background check is required if you wish to volunteer in your child's classroom, school field trips or for school activities. They are good for 2 years. You can get a form

from the office or you can fill out the background check on the Beaverton School District web site.

Luis will hold copy room training every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30am. Come make copies for the teachers! This is also a good time to have your picture taken for volunteer badges.

We need volunteers for our Art literature program! Volunteers are needed to both teach and assist teachers with lessons. We need more volunteers in order to keep the program going. Heather also needs an Art literature assistant to help organize and prepare lessons. See Shoshana if you wish to volunteer. There are 5 classes per year.

Treasurer's report

We have \$25,557 in the bank. Last year we raised \$18,921. We will only spend this year, what we raised last year. What the PTO raises this year will be spent next year. Our operating costs are less than \$1,000. This covers all of our supplies. The other \$18,000 goes directly back in to the school. Most of our money goes towards field trips and classroom needs. A copy of the budget will be posted on the PTO board. You can request a copy at anytime in English or Spanish.

Last year we raised \$1300 on our Penny Drive. This year we are asking for ideas on how you think the money should be spent. Some ideas were a new printer for the Library, paying Vose moms to sew seat sacs for the classrooms, or new DVD players for the classrooms that are without. We will vote at our next PTO meeting in November. Suggestions are welcome!

Fundraising- how you can help!

Valley movie tickets are on sale now. The cost is \$9.00 for 10 movies. The movies begin the first weekend in October. The school gets \$3.00 back for each one sold. The first week of sales we will have a table in the mornings to sell tickets.

Vose t-shirts and sweatshirts are on sale now. Order forms will go home with students.

On October 4th there will be an assembly to kick off our biggest fundraiser of cookie dough sales. Last year we raised \$8,000! This paid for most of the school field trips. Delivery will be the 1st week in December. Parents are required to pick up and deliver their own orders.

We have several dinner nights at local restaurants such as McDonald's and Chuck E Cheese. These restaurants give a percent back to our school. Watch for flyers home in your child's backpack for more information.

Box Tops for education is another way to help the school raise money. We earn .10 cents for every one we receive. We earn between \$300-\$400 each year! There is a collection container outside the office.

From Mr. Flores

PTO is very important to our school! Ask yourself, what can you do for your school?

We have a record number of students this year. Our enrollment is at 720 with 150 Kindergartners. We had to add another Kinder class on the first day of school. Vose is able to offer free full-day kindergarten and free Pre-Kinder.

Because of the newly added Kindergarten class our after-school program is currently on hold. The good news is that more students equals no teachers being laid off and we will be able to get more funding.

We are also asking parents to help keep the parking lot safe by following the rules of our staff members.

Thank you!

Shoshana's conclusion

Come to PTO meetings so you know what is going on and talk to your child's teacher to see if you can help.

For your information, there is a PTO board in the hallway where you can find the PTO budget, calendar, bylaws, and meeting minutes.

The PTO also has a box located in front of the office that is locked and secure for payments and order forms.

Our next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30pm.

Thank you to the parents that attended!

Meeting ended at 9:10am/7:20pm

