



March 20, 2024 Meeting

Call to Order 7:01 pm

Accept Minutes all approved

Membership Report- 195 families, 44 staff members for total of 239 members

Treasurer Report

- **Fiscal Report:**
 - Opening balance on 2/21/24 was \$31,729.82
 - Disbursements \$1,200.75
 - Deposits \$9,732.89
 - Closing balance as of 3/19/24 is \$40,241.96
 - No outstanding items as of 3/19/24

- **Fund Requests:**
 - 2 field trips for VDV
 - 5th grade for \$350
 - 1st grade for \$350

- **Fundraisers:**
 - Dine to Donate
 - Turf Surf and Earth earned \$400.00
 - Panera on 4/24
 - last one in June TBD on place
 - Hershey Park tickets currently on sale through 3/27

Ongoing Business & Committee Updates

- **VDV Book Fair:**
 - Best book fair yet!
 - \$16,762 in gross sales
 - \$1,249 from Share the Fair
 - \$144 spent on Vandercart
 - \$1,790 spent for teacher and student wishlists
 - \$7,075 earned
 - Literacy Night was a huge success and helped a lot with the sales of the fair

- **2024 Grant Program:**
 - VDV had 3 approved grants
 - Kessler for \$80 for flexible seating
 - Lanouette for \$109.40 for flexible seating
 - Clark/Durso for approximately \$1,330.48 for Mindfulness in the Classroom tools
 - Total is \$1,519.88 for VDV spent with approximately \$1,980.12 left over
 - SMS had 2 approved grants

- Thaker for \$572.26 for the classroom library
 - Espinoza for \$367.25 for the classroom library
 - Hade has requested \$1,216,63 for a windshelf for the fence in the back of the school.
 - Motion to use left over VDV grant money towards this request was approved. All in favor of 15 in person and 1 person online.
- Cultural Diversity Committee:
 - 3/25 meeting at 7:30pm
 - event will take place at the end of May, TBD
- Teacher Appreciation Week:
 - The week of May 6 to May 10
 - Theme will be “Classic Children's Books”
- Field Day:
 - date is set for May 24 which is a ½ day with a rain date of May 25 which is also a ½ day
 - sign up for PTO members will be going out first for volunteered
- By-Law Updates:
 - PTO would like to change the By-Laws to include two board positions for next year.
 - The first would be a Fundraising position separate from the Treasurer
 - The second would be a Spirit Wear position.
 - There will be a vote for this in the April meeting
- Executive Board Nominations:
 - All Board member position are up for nominations
 - Nominations will be coming up in the April meeting and close on April 24
 - At the May 15 meeting we will announce the voting.

Updates from the Schools

- VDV:
 - Huge thank you to the PTO, volunteers and staff for all the Book Fair and Literacy Night help.
 - Field Trip and Assemblies continue at VDV
 - The Student Government selected the Somerville Rescue Squad to make a donation using their Van Derbucks. Over 200 students donated which would have come to \$25,000 if it were “real money”. The PTO will be donating \$200 to the Rescue Squad on behalf of the the VDV students
 - Yearbooks are on sale
 - The Dare graduation was held on March 13th for the 5th graders
 - The VDV Variety Show was on March 14th and a great success. Students will also perform the show for the students during school.
 - The Health Fair will be held on May 4th.

- VDV will be recognizing World Down Syndrome Day on 3/21 and Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day on 3/25
 - The Week of the Young Child will start on April 8th with more information to come
 - Next Coffee with the Principals will be on April 11 at 9:30
 - Take your child to work day will be on April 25
 - Spring Break starts on March 29 and goes until April 4. We will have school with a ½ day on Friday, April 5
 - There is a ½ day on Monday 3/25
- SMS:
 - Spring sports have started
 - The SMS play of Into the Woods was last week
 - The 3D modeling class had a guest speaker from the Picatinny Arsenal
 - On March 22 there will be Graduation portraits and all activity pictures
 - SMS chorus went to the SHS to view their choral program
 - Life Skills day is April 8
 - SMS will also recognize World Down Syndrome Day and Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day
 - Yearbooks are on sale
 - There is a ½ day on Monday 3/25

New Business/Open for Discussion:

- Day of Service feedback has been great! Students received thank you letters and posts from the hospital and community workers.
- SEPAG:
 - Autism Awareness Month is in April
 - 4/10 there is a support group meeting
 - 4/18 there will be an Autism Advocate speaker
 - 5/11 is Friendship Day from 12-2:00

Close of Meeting @ 7:50pm

PTO Executive Board

Amanda Hoy, President
 Melinda Julian, Vice President
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 Randa Rydzy, Treasurer (Financial)
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