

# MINUTES

## Valley Academy PTO Minutes

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*Date | time*

11/7/13 7:04pm

| *Meeting called to order by* Charlotte Potter

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### In Attendance

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- (See November 2013 Attendance Sheet)

### Approval of Minutes

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- A motion was made and passed to approve October's PTO general meeting minutes.

### President's report

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- Voted on and approved PTO Bylaws
- Paid attorney \$150 over a period of two months
- Discussed the PTO web page. It will include: each month's meeting agendas, minutes, calendars and events
- A point was made that the PTO website is owned by Highmark
- A request was made to have the PTO meeting agenda emailed prior to the meeting

### Treasurer's report

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- Report was given on the current status of the budget.

### Principal's report

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- The Star party is scheduled for next Wednesday 11/13 from 6-8pm
  - Tara Freiberg has put up posters around town to announce it
- The free and reduced lunch program will begin next Monday 11/11
  - Close to 70% of VA students qualify for free or reduced lunch
  - Friday brunch will be provided as well @ 10:30am
  - Discussed the question of what will happen with students who do not bring a lunch or pay for a lunch
  - The Valley Academy website will have a link for online payments.
- Discussed the success of the Go West! Play and discussed future dance and orchestra performances
- Discussed the need to revisit the school cell phone policy
  - There is an assembly planned for tech safety
- Discussed SAGE testing, practice tests should be available to help prepare for the end-of-level testing
- There are currently 419 students, brain-storming recruitment ideas
- Discussed possibility of integrating a Physical Education program.
- There are new ping pong tables, indoor basketball and volleyball pit
- The new school counselor starts on Monday and will work at the school Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

- Discussed the need for parents to have a background check to drive for field trips
  - The background check can be done at Vista Elementary for \$10

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## Committee Reports

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- Special Events
  - Halloween Pumpkin Festival was successful
    - PTO sold cotton candy and kettle corn outside
  - Discussed the Lin's Card and the need to put the sign-up information on the website
  - Halloween parade was a success
  - Discussed possibility of having an activity for Veteran's Day
  - Discussed having a class contest for a can food drive
  - Discussed decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees on Dec. 4-5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-9pm
    - Brenda said she will register Valley Academy for the Festival of Trees
  - Discussed possibly letting the winning class of the food drive decorate the tree
- Fundraising
  - Mr. Spencer has agreed to be the faculty liaison for this committee
  - Discussed possibly having a Spring social/carnival/dance festival
  - Discussed Box Tops and Labels for Education
  - Discussed possibility of doing the calendar fundraiser in the Spring and making it an 18 month calendar
  - Discussing making and selling bumper stickers that might have a paw print, the VA logo, "Proud parent of a VA student", vinyl stickers for car windows, etc
  - Discussed the Dixie Direct fundraiser. Each student will be given a Dixie Direct book next week.
- Transportation
  - A carpool meeting has been scheduled on 11/14 @ 7pm to ask parents to assist with carpool or turn in their tags
- PTO/Student Coordinator
  - The Halloween Festival that the student council and ATTIC put on was a success
- Health and Fitness
  - Did the Walk-to-School day
- Literacy
  - 40,000+ minutes were read in October
  - Discussed how much money was made and spent for the Book Fair
  - Discussed possibly having a book exchange in November
- Fine Arts
  - Discussed up-coming dance and strings/band performances
  - Discussed the Storytelling Festival on December 4, 2013
    - Discussed need for parent volunteers to be judges

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## Unfinished business

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- Not specified

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## New business

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- Discussed need for use of a reimbursement form and approval by PTO presidency for any purchases made for a PTO event/activity.
- Discussed what we can do for families who are struggling financially at Valley Academy
  - Discussed giving canned food
  - Discussed doing an Adopt-a-Family Tree over the Holidays
- A motion was passed to let Mrs. Young use \$50 for the Storytelling Festival
- Discussed the possibility of having a ski club. The price would be \$30 per child and adult each time they go to Brian Head. Students must be 8 years old or older to participate.
- Discussed the possibility of purchasing butcher paper rolls and racks for teachers to use.
  - The cost would be around \$900
  - A motion was passed to table this item and continue thinking about all options before a decision is made

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## Announcements and Date of Next Meeting

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### Next Meeting

Date: 12/4/13

Time: 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn made at 9:01pm