



**Executive Board Meeting
Van Arsdale Elementary School PTSA
7535 Alkire Street
Arvada, Colorado 80005
August 15, 2016
8:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The PTSA Executive Board meeting of Van Arsdale Elementary School was called to order August 15, 2016, in the school library at 8:06 A.M. by President, Michelle Lucero. Secretary, Lindsay Shaw, recorded the minutes.

ATTENDANCE 26 members were in attendance with Executive Committee: President, Michelle Lucero; Vice-President, Trina Burton; Vice-President, Jodi Steinwagner; Treasurer, Dawn Joselyn; Secretary, Lindsay Shaw; Principal, Susan Chapla, Amy Grounsell, Maryann Roth, Melissa Boyer, Heather Stratton, Kelley Staggs, Evan Monserrate, Elke Wyatt, Cristina Hunt, Kristen Brotherton, Annette Nellans, Karen Cravens, Michelle Jones, Debbie Sarensen, Lana Hearne, Dan Bruno, Janelle Fuller, Michelle McHugh, Linda Jordan, Jean Capurro

Introductions all around

PRESENTATION: Principal Susan Chapla- School student numbers go up and down every day at this point. Current number in (446). The magic number for Van Arsdale is (451). The school is allocated \$4,600/ student. If we have less than (451) then the school budget is cut \$4,600/student less. If VA has over (451) then the school is granted \$4,600/ student more. We have 3 days until the first day of the school year. Mrs Chapla explains that she had proposed to PTSA that we donate \$20,000 to help supplement the school budget to pay for a half day Kindergarten teacher. She continued to explain that this idea was now *off the table*. She wanted to be very transparent and clear that she can be impulsive, and she made an impulsive decision to ask us for that. At this point no additional Kindergarten teacher is realistic as the funds are just not available to the school. However, she is going to add an additional 4 hours of PERA time to each Kindergarten classroom to assist the Kindergarten teachers. Mrs Staggs asked how many kids are currently enrolled in each K class- Mrs Chapla answered (27) each. (2) K classes. Which makes 1:10 ratio of teachers to children. The increase in PERA hours will cost approx. \$14,000. This decision is best for the kids and so she is going to go for it. But she is not asking PTSA for the money at this time.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Michelle Lucero (and Cathi Kruse helped with this explanation)- Defined the purpose of PTSA. We are an elected executive board. Child advocacy is our mission. We work collaboratively with teachers and school but decisions must be made with students in mind. We must have an invoice for every item that we approve to pay for. We will look over Mrs Chapla's budget at some point to see which line items we can help pay for. We don't want to cover up what our school's "real picture" is by paying for things that the school district should cover.

Vice-President: Trina Burton- Went over Calendar of events for 2016-17 school year

Vice-President: Jodi Steinwagner- All committee chair positions have been covered for the year

Secretary: Lindsay Shaw- Ice Cream Social/Teacher Meet and Greet is this Weds. 8/17 from 4:30-6:00. Ice Cream will be served in the Cafeteria

Treasurer: Dawn Joselyn- Membership update- (63) members currently enrolled. Including teachers and parents

Vice President of Communications: Cathi Kruse- Explained plan for website, Facebook page, Friday Folder emails, and Printed Lunch Calendar with PTSA event overlay.

MOTION VOTE: Cathi Kruse moved to approve April minutes. Jodi Steinwagner 2nd. All in favor.

A parent wanted clarification on 2 fundraisers listed in the April minutes. She is new to VA, and wondered about the Sports Clips and the Tommy's fundraisers and how much money they brought in. We don't have the monetary details with us from last year, but will give an update on that at the next general meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: General meetings will be held on the 3rd Weds of each month from 4:15-5:00 starting in Sept.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

Lindsay Shaw, Secretary

Approved: _____
Date: _____