



Executive Board Meeting
Van Arsdale Elementary School PTSA
7535 Alkire Street
Arvada, Colorado 80005
December 20, 2016
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The PTSA Executive Board meeting of Van Arsdale Elementary School was called to order December 20, 2016, in the school library at 4:01P.M. by President, Michelle Lucero. Secretary, Lindsay Shaw, recorded the minutes.

ATTENDANCE 10 members were in attendance with Executive Committee: President, Michelle Lucero; Vice-President, Trina Burton; Vice-President, Jodi Steinwagner; VP Communications, Cathi Kruse; Treasurer, Dawn Joselyn; Secretary, Lindsay Shaw; Principal, Susan Chapla, Michelle McHugh, Debbie Sarensen, and Tiffany Herron.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Michelle- Discussed nominating committee for finding volunteers to help fill PTSA positions- need 3 parents to be on committee who are not on the PTSA board. They nominate volunteers for open board positions. Open positions for 2017-18 school year will be Secretary, 2nd VP of communications, and 3rd VP. We also need written descriptions of these open positions. Mrs Chapla will include this information in the Chatter. Vote to add additional VP position to the Executive Board- Susan move- Debbie Sarensen 2nd- All in favor. Went over parent survey results- parents want fundraising for classrooms. Debbie Sarensen hasn't found responsiveness from the district contact who is helping her to locate the old playground monkey bars. She is hoping to get into the district storage house to look through for the monkey bars. Contact is David Kernow.

Secretary: Approval of October and November minutes- Susan move- Michelle McHugh 2nd- All in favor.

Treasurer: Membership numbers & report

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Chapla/Michelle McHugh have a technology request- Student council helped raise funds for new chromebooks. There are several devices that will become obsolete at the end of this school yr. We will need more to replace them to keep up with our schools current needs/device use. Chromebooks cost \$235/ea. The spring book fair will be a fundraiser for technology. Can PTSA donate/purchase a "classroom set" of chromebooks (\$5,875)? Q- Trina Burton- Are keyboarding classes taken? Can small kids hands reach the keys properly? She wants kids to learn good typing habits. A- Michelle- kids learn and adapt with keyboard skills. It's a part of life for them rather than something new like how we had to have a sit down class. There are currently 89 Chromebooks in use at the school. Student councils funds will be adding 14 more which makes for 103 total. In 3rd-6th grades there are 271 students. So we need 168 more for 3-6 grades to be 1:1. Susan would like to suggest that in a future mtg we move to add a line item in PTSA budget for technology. Cathi suggests that we can adjust the budget and get rid of some things to make more money available for tech.

Cathi Kruse- presents new app- presentation cut due to fact that Jeffco school district is launching a free app for all schools later this year- it is already being tested at a few other schools- VA couldn't get in on the testing part bc they had already selected those schools. All websites will be migrated to school messenger which will integrate with the app. Will have district calendars, lunch menus, and can link with teacher websites. PTSA will also be part of app. PTSA supports the decision to wait for 6mo and try out free app rather than spending fundraised money on custom app- table the idea until further notice.

Jodi Steinwagner- there is an energy program available where schools can compete to see who saves more energy- can win large sum of money for energy efficient building improvements- is anyone interested in seeing if VA wants to compete, and save energy? Kim Figliano has more details about the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Upcoming activities: Spelling Bee Jan 28th. Parent/Child Dance Feb 3rd. Science Fair March 18th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00P.M.

Lindsay Shaw, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_