

# Palm Valley Elementary School PTO

Community Cooperation Communication

Palm Valley PTO Meeting August 30, 2016 2:35pm PVE Media Center

## Agenda

### 1. Call to Order- 2:42pm

- . Samantha Hamblin resigned immediately. Elections were moved up to the first item on the agenda

### 2. Review Prior Meeting's Minutes- was emailed to members 8/17/16

- . Vote to approve (Motion: Lauren Ruble ; 2nd: Sallie Dykeman)

### 3. Committee Reports

We are still looking for committee chairs in the following committees

- Caring for Campus
- Donations
- Family Fun Nights- Monica Miller volunteered to be chair of this committee

### 4. School Administrator Reports

Jennifer Benjamin- Skylar Goodwins funeral will be Friday evening. Everyone will be welcome. She also reminded us that there is no school Friday or Monday, and the Give Back night on the 14th.

### 5. Schedule of Upcoming Events

- September 2nd- No School
- September 5th- No School (Labor Day)

- September 9th- Early Release- 12:25pm
- September 9th- D-backs game- 6:40pm Chase Field
- September 14th- Give Back Night at Barros Pizza from 4-10
- September 23rd- Early Release- 12:25pm
- September 28-October 7th- Fall Book Fair

1. Look for a sign up genius after Labor Day

- September 30th- Patriotic Assembly- 8:00am- there will be a special recess for every child that turns in 25 or more box tops.

6. Teacher Requests/New Buisness

- Purchase of a new rug for Mrs. Williams classroom- same as 1st grade rugs
- Purchase a new rug for the new kindergarten classroom

Total cost for both rugs will be under \$600 including tax, voting to buy

(Motion:Samantha Hamblin; 2nd: Mrs. Hampton)

7. Bylaw Revision Discussion

.Review

- Section 3:suggestions for membership timeline. Change to: Membership will expire May 31.
- Section4: questions: Who enforces this? Shouldn't the district get involved at this point? Why is this needed? Embarrassing that this is needed was said.
- Why is this section needed was asked. The board stated that it had gotten a demand letter from a parent, and that because items in the current bylaws were so vague, it was left to interpretation which had caused confusion and frustration to both members and board members. Also the secretary stated that we had used wording from other parent organizations and the International MOMS Club to help. It was said by the treasurer that the old bylaws had

the words “member in good standing” but it was not defined and we wanted to define this. All of the items were things that the board agreed that were things that should never happen around children. The consensus of all members was that this section should be changed to positive aspects of character instead.

- Section 5: Should be changed to volunteer at events, and we can't exclude people from PTO events.
  - Why is the PTO wanting to add a second VP? - So in a case of gridlock on the board, president will only vote to be tie-breaker. Will not have this position available until the bylaws are revised.
  - Suggestions to only let people vote if they come to a certain amount of meetings, to stay vested in the PTO and all activities.
  - Agreement that this will take longer than one meeting to hash out. Principal Jennifer Benjamin suggests to create a committee of 2 parents, 2 board members, and 2 teachers to make up a bylaw revision committee.
  - Agreement that any requests to be on the by-law committee be sent to the secretary. Any persons wanting input on the by-laws will forward their ideas to the secretary who will forward to the committee.
- Vote to let a committee of PTO members, teachers, and board members to revise the bylaws

(Motion:Jen Rockwell; 2nd: Kamaria McDonald )

#### 8. Elections Held- moved to top of the agenda

- President nominee- Andi Wilhelm
- Secretary nominee- Allyson Thompson
- Grade 3-5 Representative- Kristy Birschbach

.Voting to approve the positions, no disagreement

1. (Motion: Samantha Hamblin; 2nd: Megan  
McKinley)

9. Adjourned at 3:18pm

a. (Motion: Lauren Ruble; 2nd: Jen Rockwell )

