PVC PTA General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Sep 20, 2021 **Time:** 8:00 pm **Location:** Zoom

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# 1: Call to order

* Welcome call to order at 8:03pm
* Total attendees - 33

# 2: Approval of minutes

* Previous minutes from Jun 14, 2021
* Stephanie Duval - motion to approve - all in favor, no opposed

# 3: Introductions

* Board and committee members are introduced

Katie Gesue as President, Stephanie Duval VP, Trey Files Treasurer, Rebecca Deans as Secretary, Membership - Deneen DiGregoria, Enrichment - Ana Teague**,** Hospitality - Michelle Portnoy, Bob & Lisa Beck, School Pictures - Meredith Bruckman & Abigail Epprecht, Health & Safety Committee - Anamika Bhatnagar, Website - Seth Weintraub & Johnnie Walker, Social Media - Marie Considine & Meredith Hertlein, Book Fair - Meredith Hertlein & Stephanie Duval

* Open positions
  + Friday Night Stripes, School Store & Spiritwear

# 4: PVC Update

* Principal - Michael Plotkin

School year off to a good start. Momentum is gaining to get students into routine. The most joyous time of day is recess - eating outside as kids hang out under the tents. New picnic tables and tents are helping students to be outdoors. Band, strings and chorus have started. Clubs start next week. Student elections are happening. An unprecedented number of students have applied to campaign. Last week there was a back to school night (140/50 people).

# 5: Reports of Officers, Board, and Standing Committees

* Treasurer - Trey Files
  + Budget : Background is given: up until a few years ago, PTA responsible for lunch which was profitable. PTA started saving $110,000 in the bank. Last year, we did more hospitality than enrichment. Funds come from membership dues ., WE only keep 16 of the 20 dollars (the rest goes to NY state). $2200 membership dues after PTA, but parents were generous and donated $1000 on top of that. Fundraising - class photos (approx $2500 raised). Amazon charity - small revenue. Friday night stripes is a great fundraiser. Two years ago - we started spirit wear and a school store. Teacher appreciation last year (food truck, enrichment - ongoing such as bridge music, korean cultural projects and always happy to do new requests). How can we maintain our fundraising?
  + Robert Beck - Question - what is a resource online that recaps the budget and expenditures from last year and also a more typical year? Trey offers a year end budget to email to Katie and she will distribute to meeting participants. Trey says reach out if you have questions! Katie says last year will look different because the events went in different directions due to the virtual nature.
* Membership - Deneen DiGregoria: We are in better shape than all of last year. The fair will hopefully bring in more members. Currently at 67 members - 22 of which are teachers.
* Enrichment - Ana Teague: Noah Gallagher requested project adventure at Taconic Outdoor Center $2370. Membership was polled and approved. Occasionally we send a time sensitive request by email to vote before meetings.
* Hospitality - Michelle Portnoy, Bob & Lisa Beck: 70 homemade muffins for the faculty and coffee were served at a PD day before school started. This was much appreciated. A food truck on December 6 for holiday lunch for teachers and staff is in the works. Mr. Plotkin offered assistance.
* School Pictures - Meredith Bruckman & Abigail Epprecht: Pictures are set to go: October 7 with retakes November 17. Updates will be sent out 2 times per week and then every day till photos. A request to Mr. Plotkin: Can we also include a link for PTA membership at the bottom on the K-12? “Yes!” - says Mr. Plotkin! He will also include the picture information. Katie says K-12 brings in members. Meredith volunteers to email the request.
* Health & Safety Committee - Anamika Bhatnagar: Quick overview. By state law, we are required to have a committee with parents, admin, etc. Meets 3x year to review and take action on health and safety concerns within the district (reentry, infrastructure, facilities, nurses update, health and safety complaints that any member of the community can submit). First meeting last week - reentry is the same as last year. People are complying and being understanding. There is a good plan. Infrastructure - power outage. Transformer replaced. Facilities - next few months lighting replacements switching to LEDs at night, ventilation improvements, next summer solar collectors. Two complaints - bees in the classroom (extermination) and slippery floors issue. Look at health and safety on website if you have a concern.
* Website - Seth Weintraub & Johnnie Walker: Johnnie is getting started and looking forward to it. Any committee members who want info on the website, just email Johnnie Walker to get info front and center on website.
* Social Media - Marie Considine & Meredith Hertlein: Marie and Meredith posting on FB - fall festival, back to school, pictures, They would like to post sports info on the PVC PTA site. Michael Plotkin says feel free to post games - but caution that we don’t use names of students on social media. Follow the page - like and comment and share it to keep it fresh, there is a twitter and insta account @pvcpta - please follow.
* Book Fair - Meredith Hertlein & Stephanie Duval: it will happen.

# 6: Current Business

* BTSN - one more coming up. PTA will be there to plug membership. Mr. Plotkin will put a PTA membership link in chat.
* Membership Drive
  + Fall Festival - PTSA president will be there selling membership and spirit wear. We won’t sell spirit wear. If they have space, HS is happy to have someone there to promote PVC membership. We could put flyers out with a QR code.
* Friday Night Stripes: Mr. Plotkin will review at the next administrative council meeting. Agenda item #5 on Wednesday. Mr. Plotkin: “As we reacclimate ourselves - we want to do this the correct way - guaranteeing safety. Things might feel more restrictive, no crowded spaces, etc. How can we engage our students and community to tweak them to make sure they are safe?” Mr. Plotkin will ask the village for lights.
* Building Planning Council representatives: Three from last year will remain in place. Mr. Plotkin sent a request to 5th grade parents and tomorrow, by lottery, they will choose the 5th grade parent (20 parents responded).
* Fundraising: we do have a few opportunities for fundraising. Looking for new people and ideas. We would love to hear now/and or any time. If we can do Friday night stripes and book fair, these will be great fundraisers.

7: New Business: Did we get the square for the spirit wear? It needs to be handled by Trey or Katie. Questions: Can we use venmo, zelle? We already have paypal. Stephanie said - they did connect venmo at CET but it was difficult because you need to have a cellphone .

Q: Hospitality - Is there a date for Friday night lights? Try and do it late october - but TBD. Food Service from school - more cost effective to do drinks through them.

# 8: Adjournment: 8:57