

Vale PTO Fall General Session

October 15, 2020 6pm Via Zoom

In Attendance: Lyndsay Jones, Nicky Clennon, Diana Jones, Kira Wood, Sean Mckenna, Kim Larson, Susie Darlington

Welcome Diana Jones! Thank you for all you have done outgoing board members Heather and Jessaca!

Principal Update: 1st week back to in person school for our Pre-K thru 2nd grade students half days 5 days a week. Health and safety for everyone has been a main priority and is going well.

Qualtrics is a daily symptom check that can be completed via email or text that teachers and staff are already using. Today there was a false start of that going out to parents that caused some confusion but will be available for students soon.

Chelan county has been moved to Phase II but the school district will continue to receive guidance from our department of health for the reopening of our schools.

Budget: We have approximately \$10K which should cover the needs and requests for this year.

2020/2021 Fundraiser: Future fundraisers would be to replenish the budget for next year and help the school with any requests. We want to be mindful of many people's limited resources during this time and if we would be able to have any sponsors. Some ideas:

Read-a-thon: Probably would try in February or March before Spring Break.

Fun run: Potentially before Spring break.

New Play Structure: Is in place and we cannot wait till kids can be back on the playground to enjoy it. We were able to provide this for Vale through the funds raised by our students in past fundraisers, our sponsors (Confluence, Crunch-Pak, etc.), and the work donated by Blades construction and the help of Gary Rose.

Pacific Science Center visit, Gingerbread Shop, & Book Bonanza: All on hold for now.

Gingerbread House Store: Considering bagging up existing items in goodie bags for families to pick-up through their teachers.

Teacher Appreciation: We would like to focus on teacher's needs. Hoping to hear from teachers how we can help. We started the year with coffees from Weed's in lieu of our normal Back to School Breakfast. This was a huge success and much appreciated by the staff.

Teacher/staff update email: An email was sent out as a reminder on how to contact the PTO with any requests or needs, about the \$100 individual supply/classroom gift cards, and \$500 Pod budgets still available was sent out a few weeks ago.

Yearbooks: Have been distributed. We had a box of approximately 55 left. Some were donated to the school library and to any teachers who would like a copy for their classroom. We still have some available for anyone who would still like to purchase one through the front office at Vale.

Future PTO Meetings: The bylaws state we need to have at least 3 general sessions a year. Will plan to set a date in the Winter for the next general session meeting.