

Opening & Welcome -Marla keller, Neesha Killpack, Natalie Hall, Jennifer Long, Tiffany Smith

Review and Approval of Minutes -Neesha Killpack moves to approve minutes, Natalie Hall second

#### Officer Reports

- Lindsay Kjar -music teacher Ms. Bleak is retiring and cannot really do a retirement party for her. The **PTA hosted “Bleak week”** including a gift and thank you from the school to the teacher and different fun ways to appreciate music while at school. Some of the fun activities included: Name that Tune at lunch, playing the teacher’s favorite songs at lunch etc. A big thank you for all the activities.
- Marla Keller -**teacher appreciation** week is coming up and Melinda May has volunteered to be in charge of wats to recognize the teachers. If you do lunches for the teachers, do on a Friday only the teachers are at the school. It is still in the planning phase and will be in contact with Melinda May. Possibly do a gift basket with the “favorite things” of each teacher. The students could bring in items. The head secretary, Peggy Geurts, is retiring. Trying to think outside the box to find ways to recognize **teachers and administration who are retiring** since the district is not allowing a traditional celebration due to COVID restrictions and public gatherings.. Possible venues and donations for Peggy Geurts outside the school like at a park. The thought is to do a gathering of Valley View community as well as old teachers and old students at a neighborhood park. Neesha Killpack is going to check if could do something outside not connected with school or PTA.
- Julie Robinson-the next **restaurant night** for the PTA on May 25th Zupas. The PTA may not choose Panda Express again. It seems like a lot more people went and the funds returned to school from Panda Express are very small. It does not seem like the restaurant apportioned which were school families buying food at Panda Express with the idea that some of the money from the order to go back to the school and which were not school families. Panda Express gave a very small check (\$120). That seems severely low. The restaurant fundraiser for the school (Not PTA) at Taco Time made \$460. Neesha said that she always tells the restaurant to over staff to handle the increased number of Valley View patrons.
- Jennifer Long- **Reflections** is now at the state winners stage. Emily Long’s visual art project advanced and won at the state level. She will represent the school and the District at the State Awards Banquet on May 11. It is at the Old Dome Meeting Hall in Riverton. A big congratulations to Emily Long for representing our school at the state level!
- Chelsea Moultrie-still promoting Amazon smile and boxtops on **social media**. The fun posts spotlighting the teachers has been a fun way to get to know them better! The last of the **teacher spotlights** have been done, so just checking on a few of the staff

that are only at the school part-time including the school psychologists and COVID specialist. Also, could spotlight the PTA Board. Going to post a reminder for the Battle of the Books. Lori Thorpe, the school librarian, has done an amazing job at adapting the **Battle of the Books** to the current COVID restrictions. Ms. Thorpe has been doing Battle of the Books as part of her library time. She is still looking for prizes for the Battle of the Books winners. Any and all contributions would be appreciated. Please contact Ms. Thorpe for more specifics as to the contributions needed. Parents have been great at supporting our school programs. Just because the parents cannot be there in person, just giving money is a great way to make sure that the school can still do these fun activities.

- Justina Poulson -volunteered to coordinate some of **teacher appreciation**. For “**Great Art Night**” we are looking at doing a virtual tour of the kids work from this year and just taking pictures of each class art and then sending parents a virtual video link to look at the art. We could also email as a video. The class GAP volunteers could be in charge of taking pictures and putting together links. The **Book Fair** is May 7th. Looking at doing a drive up book fair that whole week to promote summer reading or perhaps just doing book fair online and have the books physically set up in the portable.

- Principal Killpack -is still trying to figure out numbers of students returning to Valley View next year because it affects how many **teachers** that can be retained at Valley View next year. Next year, there is going to be a huge second and third grade class. Neesha explained that they used some trust monies to hire aides to help with those huge class sizes. Originally, the Community Council wanted to use the money for Infinity Lab but that will have to wait. Currently, the number of teachers will increase by one. Neesha is putting together a **hiring committee for hiring a new head secretary**. This year there is going to be a 6th grade graduation outside. Just one parent to attend. Neesha has worked really hard this year to bring iup teacher morale. They had a painting night etc. it seems like her efforts have worked. Teachers seem to be in a better place.

**Field Day is going to be Wednesday, May 26, 2021.** It is going to be carefully socially distanced and planned with time constraints to meet school Big Five clean/COVID needs. The idea is to pace the games out away from school happening like lunch and lunch recess can just stay on the black top, and lunch recess is just one grade. For field day, there is going to be seventy-five minute sessions. The classes are going to be divided into five groups. The plan is to have around six stations with 15 minute transitions in between stations. . The **activities** include a PVC pipe game, ( even the can the kindergarten play possibly modified some), “Gaga ball” (borrowed from Mueller Park Junior High, it is kind of like indoor dodgeball), volleyball (Need to purchase a new volleyball), freeze dance station, tug of war, The idea is to keep the classes together . There will be a need for parent volunteers to make this day happen. Need probably at least two volunteers per class. Station one volunteer with the class volunteers 2 per station, so one person stays with the class and the other stays with the station and do a sign-up genius to get the volunteers; possibly having two people in the morning and two in the afternoon as gophers, the budget water balloons We have had four hundred and fifty Creamies for field day. Planning on using the sound system at the school, and will need the microphone. As far as cost of field day, the expenses include: possibly a new microphone \$175, fishing pond prizes \$125-130, water for volunteers, hand sanitizer, plunger, and PVC pipe totaling around \$400-\$450 for the budget. Already have kiddie pools to use as a sanitizing station spot to clean and spray what kids touch.

Financial Report – Natalie Hall -yearbooks ordered 200, sold 203 need probably need 225 for staff and teachers. The big expense is the marquee, and trying to figure out when to pay \$4000 on the marquee? Neesha is working on getting an update on that, final push on yearbooks and getting a final date. Looking at spending more on end of the year teacher appreciation because did not do teacher appreciation throughout the year. Also, looking at doing a final push on yearbooks so that we make money not just break even. Noted expenses are just SEP teacher meals from February and council dues. The new musical balance is \$7089.85 after paying for the marquee.

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Next Meeting Wed., May 5, Noon - 1 p.m.

Vote will be taken on nominated Executive Board Members for the 2021-22 school year

PTA Board for next year: Marla Keller is President. Jennifer Long, Natalie Hall, and Justina Poulson are interested in helping next year.

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President – Tiffany Smith

Pres. Elect – Marla Keller

Exec. Board: Lindsay Kjar, Julie Robinson, Jennifer Long & Natalie Hall