

2/13/24 [VHE PTO](#) Meeting

Update about Family Empowerment/Connection support groups from Mimi:

Per Becca, these were created by school families but they aren't typically led by the district or PTO. Wondering what kinds of groups would be helpful for families and if there are any potential facilitators? Previously had a group for Families of Black and Brown children, Families of students with learning challenges group. Becca will be sending a survey out to learn what would be helpful for families. Please pass on any feedback to her or the PTO, especially if you'd be willing to help facilitate a group.

Budget per Ian Orland, Treasurer

1. Yearbook has a line item in the budget. 2 staff members leading a yearbook group. Ian requests to update the amount in the budget to \$5500 which would be used to buy a yearbook for every student plus a few extra to sell (\$11x500 students).
2. He would also like to add a line item in the budget for the class rep grade level events stipends as discussed earlier in the year $\$200 \times 6 = \1200
3. Also, add a line for a \$200 book fund for every classroom 18 grade classrooms + 5 program (REACH, music, library, PE, and art). \$4600 total.

Parent asked if PE needed a book budget? PTO president replied that Ms Sorensen is interested in learning how to engage in movement activities from different cultures. Ian noted that each specials teacher also may use a \$500 stipend from the PTO which can be used for other supplies.

4. Adam G. requested an additional \$1000 to be added to the budget for Carnival due to increased expenses (\$500 for prizes, \$250 for raffle tickets, \$250 making new games)

Larissa K. made a motion and Megan Carey seconded it, Motion passed unanimously for all updated amounts.

Other PTO Updates::

- We are looking for members for the Nominating committee for PTO. We are looking for candidates for Treasurer (ASAP), Communications, and Secretary for (24-25).
- Still waiting on confirmed dates for some end of year events
 - 5th grade graduation will likely be Thursday, June 6.
 - Kindergarten graduation is typically the last Monday of school (June 3?)
 - An Arts/Music festival is being planned for sometime in May that will include a music concert by students like the Hedgiefest last year, plus a student art gallery. The planning committee includes Ms Follett (Library), Mr Lynch (Art), Mr Ziegler (Music), Ms Sorensen (PE), and Ms Koval (REACH).
 - Mr Lynch is not planning a student art fair event this year. If families/students are interested in leading the planning of an art fair event, PTO is willing to support it. Please contact the PTO presidents if you are interested. Mr Lynch shared concerns about equity and decided to move toward the art exhibit style event this year instead. A parent suggested it could be the same day at the Hill Farms Art Walk and be hosted at families homes. Another suggested that it could be in the parking lot of VHE and called an "Art Trunk Show".

- Field Day is typically the last Friday of the year: tentative date is Friday, May 31
 - Kindergarten Roundup is typical the 1st or 2nd Saturday of May (date TBD)
- Please see the [VHE PTO Volunteer webpage](#) on the website for current opportunities
 - Looking for volunteers for the dance
 - Nominating committee
 - PTO board positions
 - Cafeteria
 - Playground
 - Carnival volunteer sign ups coming soon

Thanks for your participation! Please stick around for in-person conversations on how to make PTO meetings more accessible for families, how to reach others and share critical information (and eat delicious treats!).

Meeting adjourned.