

**Fairview High School
Fairview Parent Organization
Minutes of the Meeting
October 13, 2010**

Meeting called to order by FPO President, Christie Sprowl, at 8:50 am w/21 people in attendance.

Principal's Report

- **Traffic issues** - Currently redesigning traffic movement to calm traffic on Greenbriar. Coordinating with RTD, some input from parents. Timeframe is next 2-3 weeks. Once confirmed, email will go out alerting parents.
- **School population** - FHS is the largest it has ever been @ 1,979 students. Currently staffed at 1,949 students, so could get additional funding in January 2011. Discussion of how FHS population compares to other high schools in BVSD and what drives students to FHS (e.g., feed from the Superior area, IB/AP programs). Want to keep Freshman classes small and reduce size of some classes at the upper levels.
- **BVSD's financial situation** - State of Colorado looking at further budget cuts, with additional impact on K-12 education. Discussion of possible payback of BVSD cash reserves to the state. Impacts of financial constraints will be felt next year as well.
- **Schedule changes** - FHS may have to consider schedule change such as a one-day/week late start (replaces professional development days).
- **Summer school** - Want to offer summer school at FHS, not only for remediation, but for acceleration. Discussion of online learning, adjunct faculty, possibility of partnering with high tech companies (Don may discuss with various departments).
- **Priorities for the FPO** - (1) fundraising (e.g., teacher mini-grants, major projects) and (2) communication/education. Don's office currently revamping the information format and frequency. Electronic newsletter is high priority. New website will be live in January.

[Parent-initiated discussion re: FPO funding and projects (e.g., tiled the student center, painted inside of building, \$30,000 in mini-grants for 2009-10). Discussion of external fundraising (e.g., foundations). Note that public/private partnerships involving BVSD schools is a difficult issue. Discussion of advantages of having grant-writing subcommittee of the FPO.

- **Food and nutrition** - Cafeteria food a concern. Have lost the coffee cart and snacks because of nutritional issues.

[Parent-initiated discussion of how nutritional concerns may be creating bigger problems that need to be addressed (e.g., lack of choice, safety issues re: driving off campus, tardies and absences). Could use more picnic tables for those that don't eat in the cafeteria.]

- **Other** - Good, calm beginning of the school year. In coming 9th graders are a nice class (also the largest class). Note of upcoming homecoming game, loss of football team running back to a broken arm, all boys tennis qualified for state, XC is regionals, fall play (Les Miserables).

Treasurer's Report

- Budget - current balance is \$85,000. Had a surplus from FairViews.
- Insurance - motion made and passed to procure insurance for the FPO. Policy would cost \$500-800 per year.
- Taxes - motion made and passed to farm out taxes to external accountant. Will stop using PTO Manager and save \$200-300 per year.

Old Business

- At a special meeting of the FPO Board on September 15, 2010, there was a motion made that Christie Sprowl would serve as FPO President, with delegation to various committee chairs and consultation with the board. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Communications – Discussion of whether twice a month will be enough for Knight News?
- Going live with master school calendar on November 1st.
- PEN chair needs volunteers.
- Sending out fundraising letter with donation slip.

New Business

- Landscaping needed for the tennis courts (approx. \$10,000 + volunteers).
- Directories are printed and available for sale for \$5.00 at the main office.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday in November 2010 @ 7:45 am.

Meeting concluded at 9:45 am.

Diana Moss
Secretary
Fairview High School Parent Organization

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