

PTO Minutes
PTO Meeting
March 19, 2009

The meeting began at 9:05AM. Those attending were: Terry Gillach, Ina Rodriguez-Meyers, Dawne Owen, Beth Shannon, Christie Sprowl, Beth Waters, Stephen Topping, Kelly Fano, Ellen Hardman, Trina Faatz, and Vickie Thompson. The following items were discussed:

1. Update on PTO Board Positions:

We have 2 PTO members who will be leaving; Beth Shannon, Treasurer and Vickie Thompson, Secretary. Dawne reported that Laura de Curnou has expressed interest in the Treasurer's position and that she has had 2 people express interest in sharing the Secretary position: Stephen Topping and Annette Wilhelm. Christie Sprowl will continue to run Cougar Challenge one more year, but would like a mentor to work with her next year in preparation for taking over the following year.

2. Cougar Challenge- Christie Sprowl:

Christie reported that we have some employer matching contributions that still have not been received. She thinks we will meet our \$40,000.00 goal. Christie suggested that we look into PTO Management Software that they are using at Fairview. She says it is very helpful. She thinks we can get a discount if we purchase it through the district. The cost is around \$750.00. She will get details to Dawne and Dawne will look in to it.

3. Principal's Update- Terry Gillach:

CSAP testing is done, with only 3 abstainers this year.

The new science wing is up and running, the bathrooms are the biggest hits. Crews plan to work 12 to 13 hour days during Spring Break to get areas gutted. Completion date is scheduled for July 27. Administrative offices will be relocated to the science wing during the summer. They are on schedule at this time, but there is still a lot to do. Staff has not been inconvenienced too much so far, but that will be changing in the coming weeks. Lots of noise, at the very least, will be experienced as univents are removed and replaced.

Terry reports he expects to have between 530 and 540 students next year. Hopefully with more kids than ever, he will not lose any teachers in the impending District Budget cuts.

4. Climbing Wall Status:

Terry is in the process of getting a design quote from Lahey & Associates. The wall can be built in stages and funded in stages. Terry is still in discussion with Fairview about a possible contribution from them. PTO has set aside \$7000.00 from the budget this year for the climbing wall. A motion was made, seconded and passed to add an additional \$3000.00 this year to make the total of \$10,000.00 available for the purchase of the wall. Terry is also working on funding from his budget as well. This will be a priority request in soliciting Cougar Challenge Funds in the coming year.

5. Culture Night – Ina:

Culture Night is scheduled for April 21. No Diversity Day this year because of the construction. World Languages Department will have presentations in the gym. Ina needs someone from PTO to coordinate the food items they need for the "Taste of Nations". Food

items should be bite size dessert items. Everything should be labeled with the ingredients. Dawne will check with Fiona about getting a volunteer for this.

Ina said we will also have our first "No Place for Hate Parade of Nations" on May 1 at 2:30pm.

6. Treasurer's Update- Beth Shannon:

Beth handed out a copy of the Profit & Loss Statement for July 1, 2008 through March 11, 2009. Funds are being paid out for Minigrants. We want to be sure and keep the funds available next year for the additional TAG hours for Deb Darnell. We are selling off the King Soopers certificates we had on hand and have received \$1505.00 from these this year.

7. Registration Day, Monday, August 17th:

Dawne will be needing lots of volunteers to help with this event. Other events coming soon after school starts: Back to School Night, Aug. 27 and the Back to School Picnic Sept 3. Terry also said help will be needed from PTO in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that could be held before school starts.

8. Teacher Appreciation Week:

Beth Waters is looking for help to decide what to do for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Discussion was held and we came up with the following:

Monday, May 4th: PTO will sponsor Smoothies for Breakfast

Tuesday, May 5th: Terry and Ina will sponsor a Potato Bar

Wednesday, May 6th: Spiders will sponsor this day

Thursday, May 7th: PTO will sponsor a Dessert Bar at the faculty meeting and will give gift cards from Pearl Street Mall to teachers and paras, keeping in mind the District gift limits of not more than \$25.00 per person. Dawne requested PTO board members be present for this meeting if possible.

Friday, May 8th: Student Council will sponsor this day.

PTO meets the third Thursday of each month. The next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Watch for information as to the location of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Thompson, PTO Secretary