

PTA Meeting November 09, 2011 6:30 p.m

1. Attendance

Laurie Harford	Brian Egaas	Suzanne Finnigan	Judy Bagley	Jennifer Ikenouye
Lisa Monette	Amy Lythgoe	Lisa Citarella	Ennjoo Thompson	Molly Hosek
Stephanie Kirby	Merry Mungo	Krista Barry	Michele Muckle	Bethany Kearl
Danny Currie	Johnna Wynn	Tara Krams	Amanda Nimmons	Jen Tucker
				Kari Johnson

2. President's Report

- This year's Cash For Candy project brought in \$410, a \$100 increase over last year! More parents are needed next year to carry over 400 lbs of candy into the dentists' office where the candy is weighed and dropped off.
- PTA will be sending out a survey to parents and staff to determine how to better serve the school community
- The 4<sup>th</sup> grade winterfest will be December 15. The theme is "Wish upon a Winter Star". 3d grade parents will be contacted by Amanda Nimmons to help
- The next District Parent Council Meetings are November 16 and January 18.
- Thank you Kari and Laurie for heading up the book fair.
- Monday November 14 – SES library will host a coffee with the Eldorado K-8 principal regarding open enrollment for next year. Eldorado k-8 is our community middle school.

3. Secretary's Report: approved October 11 minutes

Please sign the attendance sheet.

4. Treasurer's Report

- The budget was sent out in Friday Folders on November 4. Spending highlights from last year include \$24,000 on playground equipment and \$7500 for installation of the school garden.
- Our bank balance is \$96,837.46. This includes money for the remainder of this year's budget and all of next year's budget.

5. Vice President's Report: 5 Grants were approved

- Cursive booklets for 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- A reading comprehension conference for Amy Schackman
- Listening centers for each kindergarten classroom

- A 6 month subscription to “Flocabulary” for 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Marzano teaching strategies books for all teachers

#### 6. Principal’s Report:

- Thank you for the great success of the book fair.
- Thank you Maggie Reuter for securing the \$5000 grant from IBM. The money will be used for speakers for the 3d grade computers in the portable classrooms. The challenge here was that the portables are rented structures. They are not owed by SES or BVSD, therefore all equipment must be portable and/or removable. The money will also be spent of ipads for the special education department.
- We are working to keep the SES website updated to fully market and represent our school.
- What was that awful smell in the library and downstairs classrooms? The culprit turned out to be a crack in a sewer line. Our school is built into a hillside; in fact there is a mysterious door that opens directly into the dirt hillside. The sewer water was saturating the dirt, causing odiferous dampness to permeate the air. The crack has been repaired, and fans have been drying out the area.
- New technology upgrade: parents will soon have the ability to sign up for conferences online
- A staff representative is needed for the district accountability committee. The next meeting will be February 14. Current areas under consideration are: improving writing growth from year to year, research based instructional practices in the classroom and better communication regarding report cards and standards. Please see Jenn Ikenouye if you are interested in becoming a staff representative.
- Our Annual Yearly Performance goals were all met in reading and math. SES is in the top 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of all Colorado schools for academic performance.
- Mix it up day occurred during the week of November 8. This is an international program which encourages kids to diversify, open up, and meet new friends. Kids will be encouraged to sit with someone new during lunch. 600 rock and roll tickets will be given out to kids who are seen “mixing it up”.

#### 7. Book Fair

- The Book Fair saw total sales of \$11,483.85. Scholastic returns 25% of this figure to us as cash profit.
- Last year we saw sales of over \$15,000. This may have been due to the fact that last year’s book fair was held during fall conferences, while this year’s fair occurred later.
- THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, parents, students and staff who made our fair a success! We sold over 1000 books. Additionally, Scholastic awarded our school with over \$700 “bonus dollars” which were used by our librarian to buy popular new books for our school library.
- A special thank you to Lynette Zickerman for graciously sharing her pre-booked library space with us during the TAG presentation, held the Wednesday evening of the fair. Our tireless custodians, Jenn Ikenouye, Johanna Wynn, the Johnsons, Zickermans and Harfords all chipped in to rearrange the book fair to accommodate this very special event.

- The book fair is in need of a new chairperson. Please see Laurie Harford if you are interested in becoming an integral part of this fun fundraiser. Scholastic makes it very easy and fun.

#### 8. Fundraising

- PTA has purchased \$1500 worth of Safeway cards in increments of \$200, \$100, \$50 and \$25. You may purchase cards by following the link on the PTA website (“shop online”). We use Paypal to handle all transactions. Paypal accepts most major credit cards.
- The grocery cards work dollar for dollar to the consumer. Safeway kicks back 3% to our PTA.
- Paypal does charge us a percentage fee for each transaction, so we will evaluate going forward how much money we are getting from Safeway vs. our Paypal fees.
- Please see Krista Barry to purchase cards in person using a check; otherwise Krista will hand deliver all cards purchased online. Thank you Krista!!
- School Supply program: we are in need of someone to take over this task for next year. As a thank you, the program will give the chairperson a FREE supply kit! That’s right – for heading up this program you will get your child’s entire school supply needs fulfilled for FREE!!! Please see Kari Johnson if you are interested.

#### 9. Readathon

- This year’s theme will be “Space”
- The Readathon will go on January 30 – February 3
- This is our final big fundraiser for the year
- A committee is needed! Please see Jen Tucker or Kate Sales if you would like to join in this creative, fun and rewarding effort.

meeting adjourned 7:30