

PTA Meeting October 11, 2011 6:30 p.m

1. Attendance

Laurie Harford	Judy Bagley	Jennifer Ikenouye	Helen Sommer	Lynette Zickerman
Tara Krams	Lisa Citarella	Amanda Nimmons	Marci Parsons	Michele Muckle
Brandy Sylvester	Molly Hosek	Merry Mungo	Johnna Wynne	Lynn R. Houla
Danny Currie	Bethany Kearl	Krista Barry	Suzanne Finnigan	Brian Egaas

2. President's Report

- Thank you Marci Parsons and Brany Sylvester for cleaning out the PTA closet! Please everyone work to keep it clean.
- Student Council wrote a very nice thank you note to PTA for the pie toss at Fall Fling
- 5th grade wrote a very nice thank you note to PTA for the Botanic Gardens field trip
- Halloween Cash for Candy: Bring your candy in after Halloween; the candy will be weighed and given to a local dentist working with the Delta Dental support for our troops. The dentist will give the school money based on the weight of candy donated. The school who donates the most candy will get \$1000!!!
- THANK YOU FALL FLING COORDINATORS AND VOLUNTEERS!

3. Secretary's Report: approved September 12 minutes

Please sign the attendance sheet.

4. Treasurer's Report

Total funds \$89,927.64 Please note that this money is to cover this year's budget (approx \$50,000) and includes funds raised for next year (Fall Fling in particular - \$30,000)

5. Vice President's Report: Grants

- Five teachers/faculty members will attend an autism workshop for \$1700.

6. Principal's Report:

- The decision was made last year to discontinue the use of a tardy bell. This decision was made in order to squeeze in 6 extra minutes to each school day, thus accounting for the 30 minute early release day on Thursdays. Please make every effort to have your child at school and ready to learn at 7:54. Meanwhile, Ms. Ikenouye will work with staff to brainstorm ways to make the bell transition go more smoothly.
- One parent raised the issue that sometimes kids are dropped off in front of the school at 7:53, and do not have time to run to the back of the school to join their class for entry to

the school. They are then locked out, as the doors to the school lock after the bell for security purposes.

- Another parent raised the issue of “red flag” days. Students approaching the school from the south to join their class cannot tell if it is a red flag day. They do not see their class lined up outside and panic.
- Better communication with students as to what exactly they should do in the above situations will help. Parents also need to be aware of policy. A tardy slip must be filled out for every child that is late. A reason for tardiness must be included.
- The Spinami is currently disabled. BVSD requires additional/better matting underneath the structure so kids don’t trip. PTA is currently working with the administration and the playground committee to find a solution.
- The playground committee is working with the staff at Playstructures to secure a video showing proper use of playground equipment. This video will be shown to students and staff.

7. Fundraising

- We currently have two major fundraisers; the Fall Fling and the Readathon. We do not currently have a spring fundraiser.
- An idea for a spring fundraiser is Square One Art. Your child’s artwork can be made into a magnet, mug, or a selection of many other choices. One popular choice could be stationery for thank-you notes and letters to grandma.
- Safeway cards: PTA buys the grocery cards at a 5% discount. Parents/family/neighbors/friends then buy the card at face value. We are spending the same money that we would otherwise on groceries, but PTA gets 5%. The grocery cards can also be used to buy gift cards that are available for purchase at Safeway. The Safeway cards cannot be reloaded, but King Soopers has a similar program and their cards CAN be re-loaded.

8. Fall Fling

- THANK YOU!!! To all of the chair heads, volunteers and TEACHERS!!!
- Estimated net proceeds are \$31,000! This includes \$16000 from the carnival itself and \$15000 from the auction.
- Thank you to Maggie Reuter for securing a \$5000 grant from IBM in support of the fall fling!
- Volunteers are needed for next year, including an auction co-chair, kidart chair, volunteer coordinator, PR chair for advertising, food chair, a photo booth chair and last but not least a main coordinator/coordinators to fill the very big but very FUN shoes of Marci Parsons and Brandy Sylvester!

9. District Parent Council

- Meetings are held the 3d Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the BVSD administration office on Arapahoe. The next meeting is October 19, followed by November 16th. The October 19th meeting will include all candidates for the upcoming school board election.
- Impact on Education is accepting grant applications from teachers. \$600 will be given to a grant for one teacher, \$1200 for a group project.

- BVSD has decided not to start school 5 days later next year. They are instead looking for inexpensive ways to regulate heat.

10. PEN

- A special bullying workshop/presentation will be held at Monarch HS from 6:30-8:30 p.m on Wednesday October 19. The workshop will feature Barbara Coloroso, an international best-selling author, speaker and consultant on parenting, teaching, school discipline, positive school climate, bullying, grieving, nonviolent conflict resolution and restorative justice.

11. Destination Imagination

- There will be a meeting on Thursday October 20 at the Bean and Berry at 9 a.m for all interested parents who would like to form a team. Additionally, you can go to www.idodi.org/11-12downloads/11-12_sat_guide.pdf for specific information on how to form a team and participate in this fun and rewarding program.

12. TAG

- There will be a special SKYPE workshop on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m at Superior Elementary. The workshop is entitled “101 success secrets for Gifted Kids”, presented by Christin Fonseca. Some subjects include: Self; building an emotional vocabulary. School; beating perfectionism. Friends; friendship cards and/or bully proofing. Family; Communication tools. RSVP is requested by October 11. There is a \$12 fee per family for the workshop and accompanying handbook. You may rsvp through the link in Events at www.BVGT.org.

meeting adjourned 8:45