

PTA Meeting 5.12.08

Call to Order: 6:32pm

Attendees: Deborah Holland, Kristen Brynstad, Rita Vali, Fawnda Hathaway, Pam Compo, Michele Hibel, Jolynn Scott, Tricia Slovacek, Karen Turcotte, Shari Blake Schnee, Bette Wilson, Chris Fukai, James Soole, John Wagner, Rebecca Lasica, Sarah Keith, Lana Anderson, Maria Scroggs (Late)

Introductions and Welcome

April Minutes Approved

Presentation: Jolyn Scott: Summer Reading and Writing Tips and Resources for Parents

Looking to the Future:

Review of Existing and Going Forward Goals for PTA

- Provide meaningful parent involvement focusing on student achievement, equity and school climate
- Provide communication to increase community awareness off support and outreach for CC families
- Support the whole child by providing opportunities outside of the school day for CC Students and Families
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PTA Board relies on ideas of all attending PTA/ All Parents

Meetings 3rd Tuesday of Month

What time is best for the group? Discussion

Babysitting? Discussion

Summer: Develop a calendar to make everyone aware of all events, also trying to spread things out more

Project Suggestions Events in Discussion by Board

- A/C: Heidi and John have been working w/ Debbi Cave on this. District is very involved and we have some challenges w/ bond. (ON Hold for time Being)
- Additional f Playground Equipment: OT has indicated it is outdated, many things not accessible to kids smaller or with special needs.
Jolyn: Fireside went through this and would be a good resource for doing this kind of project.
- Shade Structure: (Lana Anderson - Parent) – Many parents interested in shade structure, lots of interest from parents and even commitment from parents if monies can not be found (44 parent signatures obtained in support of initiative) in PTA budget. Heidi – District is going to be concerned about maintenance. Trees have been planted in past but not survived. Would need to consider irrigation THIS time (Some cities fund a portion of tree plantings)Awning from Building: serve dual purpose in terms of shade and cooling down classrooms
Shade Structure costs: \$4k - \$20K vary greatly by size/utility.
Have to consider snow, take down or leave up? Then different costs. Douglas and Monarch have recently done this, possibly contact them for costs, etc.
- Landscaping
- Legacy Project

PTA will send survey to parents to get measure of interest

Note (From JK): for ANY project, have to hire an engineer, go out for bid

Parent comment: items up for parent purchase?

Better to do things in stages, or all at once? (OK
EITHER jk)

Note (From Heidi): Trying to keep things local

PTA – looking at enhancing the way we communicate make decisions

Principal Update

A/C – should be discussed as part of Bond project, how funds get distributed. We have 3.2M only – we can not go over. Have other items in the line as well (expansion to kitchen, finer diner, etc).
Community conversation

3 Goals: Achievement/Equity/Climate

3rd Grade Reading Scores came well, approx 95% proficient, no child unsatisfactory.

Student Climate Survey: Met 3 out of 5

Projects:

Carpet in Library funded by BVSD – “we” have to figure out how to make this happen (Target Date 6/2)

Robin Nichols is going to coordinate parent help to box books, etc.
Share Fest

Computer Lab Upgrade: Computers may come a little later than expected

Annual Awards Assembly

5th Grade Promotion: Change of Venue this year. Ceremony here and pool party at Rec Center w/ Pizza

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25th Anniversary

Rita Vali: Legacy Idea in conjunction w/ Anniv Celebration, work on it over time (1 -2 Years)

Art Legacy that’s a permanent community wide piece

Originally considered placement in the Gehring Garden, now looking at a more visible place.

Kids would come up with a theme: HOM? Curriculum? Identify a theme that the School community will support

Each child would make a ceramic piece (all different shapes and sizes) and it would be placed around an area

Suggestion: Wall that is currently in existence.

Cost: Fraction of some of the projects we have in mind.

Ex: Rita helped w/ one At Douglas around the theme of folk tales, kids made sculptures

Mr Cummings Consultative Role, Rita on site artist

Need Parent Involvement as some parts are too tedious for kids

Volunteer Update (Fawnda)

Some Chair Positions Vacant Next Year:

Where in the World
Anthology
Crossing Guard
Media Communications
Grant Writer
Childrens' Protection
PEN

Treasurers Update (Kristen)

Budget (See Notes)

Proposed Budget:

Note: We try to net out to 0 as a non-profit fundraising org.

List of Fundraisers (2008-2009) provided

Expenses

Specialty Classes: Art/Lib/Music/PHyEd – variation last year, this year proposing same amount for each area.

Added \$500 Literacy

Student Enrichment: Clubs/ Classes reduced from \$1000 to \$500, not needed

Academic Events: Increased to \$1k

Supplemental Exp: Reduced to \$600 (we are no longer being charged as much as we used to in this category)

3 School Goals: Dropped to \$350 Each

Principals Fund: \$1000, miscellaneous items, such as finishing board room- white board, etc. Thank you gift for extra time by staff, etc. Pizza parties for kids, etc.

Income

Jogathon Increased additional \$500

Gift Wrap: Increased by \$1k – Addition of cookie dough sales this year

Cash

Carryforward: \$11k-\$20k this year

January: Assess fundraisers to determine amount of \$\$\$ to spend this year

2007-2008: Gave extra monies for wishlist, probably a little less of this next year.

Parent Discussion: Less students, won't we have less money?

Kristen: We always project lower than we actually achieve so we expect to be fine

Budget: Passed

Volunteer Breakfast:

Thank you to all who attended

Board Member Recognition

Deborah Holland – Leaving

Becky Karch - Leaving

Kristen

Fawnda

Maria

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17p