

Columbine Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2009
11 people in attendance

Meeting was called to order by David Sterling at 5:07. Trish Wood recorded the minutes

Announcements: Sandy Ripplinger is coming to meet with parents at 5:15 on 4/23 to discuss the new principal. It is unclear if this meeting is to discuss the process for selecting a principal or characteristics parents would like to see. Lynn mentioned that Sandy will be here for a staff meeting to discuss that same topic. If it is a meeting to discuss characteristics, parents should have more than one opportunity to participate...including paper feedback. It was suggested that Sandy stay after the staff meeting to talk with parents at drop-off. There will be a community forum about the principal on Monday, May 11th (PTA meeting needs to be changed).

Chris King and Rich Lopez will be here at 6:30 this evening to discuss the OCR agreement.

Executive Business

Preparations for the 32nd Mile Marathon have begun in earnest. Here are the items discussed:

- Kori Jew, Jen McDiarmid and Tina Larter have taken over the primary logistics
- We have funds from Impact on Education to cover the cost of T-shirts
- Tina has arranged for the required fence to be donated. We will need extra parent volunteers early the morning of the race to set it up.
- 5th Grade teachers have been informed that they need to provide t-shirt artwork by 4/23. The goal is to have the art to the printer by 5/1
- Volunteer posters are in the lobby. A reminder flyer to sign up will be put in the FF
- Kristen will ask Colleen about finding a band for our event. Chances are BHS will be in finals. Middle school bands should also be explored.
- The first round of neighborhood flyers will be distributed next week. The final sweep will be done by our 5th graders on 5/18.
- Food is under control – Trish W. and Angela B. are handling. Angela is asking Costco for beverages as well as Celestial.

There is only one CAC request and it is from Lilia for a new scanner for the workroom. The request was approved for an amount not to exceed \$150

Teacher appreciation: The staff has planned a party to relieve stress, connect and show appreciation for those who worked on the OCR agreement. PTA funds could be used to support the party in lieu of us planning something. A discussion followed in terms of whether there is overwhelming support among parents or staff for the OCR piece and whether our donating funds would imply support. There was also a concern that the party be for ALL staff since it will serve as our appreciation. Staff members in

attendance assured the group that several ALL-staff invites have been distributed. There was a proposal to split the \$500 budget between some other form of appreciation and the party. After some debate, it was decided to support the party and staff in any way they need without strings attached.

Impact on Education is looking for a donated basket for their Razzle Dazzle event. We have participated for many years to show our appreciation for their continued generosity. The basket needs to be ready 5/8. We're going with a Greenstar basket theme. Sara K and Francine will shop for green items and gift certificates.

A private discussion was held to determine how PTA will recognize Lynn's retirement. There will be a all-school pot luck and Wanda/Trish will organize. The last day of school was proposed from 4-6. A final date will be selected with Lynn's input. Kristen is looking into a retirement gift that will have some "permanence" around the school.

Notes from the recent DPC meeting were shared (see attached)

The next meeting was moved to 5/18 due to the principal forum that will be happening on the 11th. PTA will provide snack and MM ribbons will be assembled if needed. Otherwise PTA will work on graduation hats.