

Columbine Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2009
11 people in attendance

Meeting was called to order by David Sterling at 6:40. Trish Wood recorded the minutes

Principals Report:

- A thank you gift was presented to the Volunteer Coordinator, Francine Alberts who was unable to attend volunteer appreciation earlier today.
- The Climate Survey results are back and are a source of celebration. 63% of items on the survey increased in a statistically significant way. There is still a difference in response between Anglo and Latino children which the SIT will examine in the fall.
- FTE – Staff Funding for the 2009-10 school year has been roughed out. We were reduced by 2.5 positions in our allocation. Destratification funds being allocated for an Assistant Principal creates a further reduction of 1.3 so we lost 4 positions with destrat funds being reallocated to an AP. The staffing plan Lynn created is still short .3-.4 so TAG may suffer. Funding for the Community Liaison is still unknown. Class sizes will be k=19, 1st/2nd=17-18, 3rd-4th=20, 5th=15. Parents decided they will bring their concerns over TAG and other positions at visioning.
- The 2009/10 building calendar was presented with the following notes/decisions (attached)
 - Assessment ½ days will be August 17-18 for 1st-5th grades.
 - Carnival proposed for 9/17 but was deemed too early and changed to 11/10
 - We have extra days added to Spring Break instead of the April break
 - Memorial Day (and the Bolder Boulder) will be AFTER school has dismissed for the year. There was a proposal to have the Mile Marathon on the 26th but the group decided it was too close to 5th/kinder graduation.
 - A vote was approved to move the 2010 Mile Marathon to 5/21. This will limit elite athlete attendance but makes the most sense for the school.

Executive Business

- There is only one CAC request from Michelle Dubois for funding for a 2-week residential program for a Columbine TAG student. There will be two students going, one is already funded. Alternative sources of funding have already been found for this student, including the family paying \$500 but they are still short \$395. The group approved the funding and requested that Ms. Dubois provide feedback on how the camp went. (application attached)
- The above request led to a discussion of creating a separate fund for projects that will benefit a specific or a few students. Funds would be earmarked and targeted fundraising would happen.
- There was another verbal CAC request for fund for a printer in the gym. It was requested that Colleen bring a completed application to the September meeting for consideration.
- Officers – Boyd McCollum was elected as president, Francine Alberts as VP. Trish Wood will continue as secretary and Joni Burr has offered to be treasurer even though she will no longer have kids here. We would like to add communication positions to find classroom reps. Solicitations for officers will be remade at the fall meeting. Edgar Chavarria has offered to survey parents in early August to see what would increase their interest in participating in PTA. The questions will be specific and direct.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM