

Columbine Elementary PTA
3130 Repplier, Boulder, CO
December 8, 2008
6:30-8:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Columbine PTA was called to order December 8, 2008 at 6:40 pm by David Sterling. Trish Wood recorded the minutes

There were 13 people present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Lynn answered questions regarding her announced retirement planned for June of 2009. She will miss the community but felt the timing was right to spend some time with her new grandbaby, husband and family.

The Design Team is recommending we do not hold a spring book fair as in the past. This is a time consuming, volunteer-heavy effort during a very busy time. Spanish titles are limited and expensive. In lieu of the book fair they would like to place Scholastic orders using \$1K from the Best Buy Donation and an additional \$1K from the Opportunity fund. Orders will be placed in February and books will be distributed on Drop Everything and Read Day in April. We also discussed the possibility of a used book sale or extending the concept into an author week. After this year around \$2K/year will need to be allocated. There was general agreement among participants to try this approach this year. Lynn will report back at the next PTA how much volunteer help will be needed.

BUSINESS:

Reminders:

- Light of December Parade was a big success thanks to First Pres.
- The TODOS wrapping paper event is Wednesday, December 10th
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Other Business:

PTA will pursue nominating First Pres or Linda for District-Wide recognition for their dedication to our school

TODOS has preliminary plans for after break. There will be a session on sexual abuse, movie nights, get moving night and a night to make soup mix. Parks and Rec will be coming in April to encourage trail use. A request for \$300 to cover TODOS costs was made and approved.

DPC: No report

DAC: DAC is working on giving input on SAR reports - beyond CSAP. They will also be evaluating the progress of the District's destratification efforts.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SIT: Our SIT has been expanded to include parents. The mission of this group is still being finalized but will include: ensuring the school is providing a quality education, has a sustainable process for school improvement, is collaborative, conducts data analysis to improve practices, and has a goal orientation. SIT will help identify challenges and opportunities for the school and communicate results/findings back to the larger parent community. The SIT group is still trying to get their hands around the "players" (CDE, Design Team, PTA) as they related to school improvement and the process.

Carnival: All plans are moving along - please remember to bring your designated food and show up for your volunteer slot. Spread the word too and encourage others to come. It's our big fall fundraiser.

Parade: Set up of the float will be @ 10AM here at the school on the 6th of Dec. For those who can't help with the float we'll meet at First Pres at 4:30. There will be sign-up sheet at the Carnival and in the lobby. We need to have a feel for participation so we can purchase food.

Volunteers: Francine is waiting for completed room parent forms. A volunteer bulletin board will be made adjacent to the PTA board just beyond the office. Look there for volunteer opportunities. Reminder cards have been made for people to take when they make a commitment. She could still use some help making calls to Spanish speaking parents. Staff was reminded to use our volunteer resources instead of getting stressed.

Staff Report: Students will be enjoying and performing over the next week. Imagination Makers is coming, 5th Grade is going to Casey for their final performance, the Matachines are coming and Kinder will be doing a holiday program.

Playground supervision with the help of parents is going well.

5th Grade classes will be preparing a yearbook, slideshow and party for their farewell and could use some help. Anne M-L will report back at the next meeting.

Jen/Wanda are coordinating a "take art home" project with the help of some CU students. Kids involved in the afterschool art class will be able to take supplies home to continue their work.

Colleen thanked the PTA for sponsoring the Moonbounce. She is using the funds raised to bring it back for field day. She will investigate the liability issues around owning a bouncy thing.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS:

- The group debriefed the carnival and mentioned that there should be less candy at the stations and to provide the map before the event to ensure all stations are visited.
- The final visioning meeting is scheduled for December 17th. Guiding principles for our new school have been drafted and will be sent home before the next meeting. Contrary to some comments made at the previous meeting, the new building will be located on the grounds and students will remain in our current facility until the new building is ready for occupation.
- There was a request to make the visioning related documents more prominent on our home page.
- Parents want to consider creating a time capsule before this school is demolished.
- Parents and staff members interested in being on the DAT (Design Advisory Team) should submit a letter of interest to Lynn. We need staff, community and parents on the DAT. It will meet frequently at first and then less so once the initial stage is over. The DAT is responsible for recommendations regarding the physical design and location of the school.
- Attendance from our Latino families was lower this month. A volunteer will call our regulars to boost January attendance. If that doesn't work, we'll consider using the phone tree.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.