

Columbine Elementary PTA
3130 Repplier, Boulder, CO
October 6, 2008
6:30-830 pm

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

There were 21 people present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: No report this month

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS:

The group discussed whether to continue having hands-on projects. The consensus was to continue because it's important to be productive and help when we can.

Volunteer requests: Volunteer lists for 1-on-1 reading with 2nd graders one hour in the afternoon per week (3 English, 4 Spanish), the book fair, and the carnival were passed around.

There are still two officer's positions open - Vice President and Membership. These are year long positions. More positions will open over the next two years. A request was made for more detailed descriptions of duties.

The visioning meeting scheduled for 10-8 was cancelled. The district mailed letters to every house in the attendance area but the letters have been received.

Two Community Action Request for funds were brought up for discussion. The officer's recommendation was to fund each of these requests @ \$250 splitting the fall budget of \$500. Input was as follows:

- 2nd Grade Movie (\$600) - Parents wanted the applicants to try the following before funds would be dispersed: negotiating a discount, having the kids pay for some, writing a grant or using Title I funds, and having a bucket at the carnival for targeted fundraising should all be considered. Parents in general wanted to somehow make the movie a "prize" that kids need to earn through reading at home or a class-based merit system. This will give the kids ownership. Kristen will bring these suggestions to the team and we will decide at the next meeting.
- Primary Listening Centers: Parents liked this idea because it is directly tied to literacy and has high long-term use potential thus reaching a high number of students. A motion to fund 4 units (\$280) passed with a request for the applicant to try to obtain Title I funds for the rest and come back to us.

Budget: Nothing remarkable to report

Fundraising: Nothing significant to report. We will reapply to Chipotle in January for an in-store night.

Staff: No report

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parade - The committee met today and discussed preliminary details. The parade is December 6th with staging starting at 5PM. We are using the antique fire truck and will put lights on in the morning at the school. Anyone is welcome. Ideally, the committee would like participants to meet before the parade for pizza. PTA voted to gather at First Pres instead of at the school. Parents will need to accompany kids. Teachers will talk up the carnival at conferences and their will be booth as well as a sign up sheet at the carnival. The booth will have a bucket for donations. A request for \$300 to cover costs for pizza, costumes and other expenses was approved.

Parents were reminded to bring food for P/T conferences. Extra food will be donated to a shelter.

Soccer - 2nd Grade Soccer club is going well. We have two CU students coaching. They have all the materials they need. The hope is to move the club down to 1st grade next year. One of the additional goals beyond exercise and fun is to teach bilingual soccer terminology so the kids can use these words on the playground.

SIT - Six parents are meeting regularly. The goal of this group is to generate a document about our climate and academic goals to share with the District. They will provide a summary of the final document at our next meeting.

Carnival - No report, group just received volunteer list. Wanda & Trish too coordinate carnival planning meetings.

DPC - No report this month.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 8:30