

**Columbine Elementary PTA-
OFFICER'S MEETING
@ Vic's Coffee House
August 18, 2008
5:30-7:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER: The officers meeting of the Columbine PTA was called to order August 18, 2008, at 5:35 pm by David Sterling. Trish Wood recorded the minutes

There were 4 people present.

A meeting of the Columbine PTA officers was called to discuss plans and logistics for the 08/09 school year.

- There needs to be a meeting with the school board, specifically Helayne Jones and our rep to discuss negative publicity they have created. In lieu of attending a school board meeting, a private meeting will be arranged. A laundry list of negative comments will be produced to prompt discussion.
- We need to create a formalized support system to express concerns about any aspect in school, particularly for our families from non-FRR households.
- We would like to create a micro-grant program for targeted fundraising requests from the teachers. This provides equal opportunity for all teachers to apply and formalizes the process. The grant will be limited to two paragraphs.
- We need to use the volunteer coordinator more. Giving her a time line and heads up will make it more realistic.
- DAC is looking to set school goals around increasing parent involvement. SIT will be required as part of this new metric. Trish will talk to Lynn about getting parents onto Design Team or another method to formalize parent involvement in school improvement decisions.
- Our goal for the year should be to form more committees and do less detailed decision making in PTA meetings. The meeting will be short committee reports (including principal's report) followed by a hands on activity. When lengthy discussions are necessary, groups should split by language. Committees will be project or event based.
- PTA would like to help in any way necessary to improve CSAP time.
- The group is committed to the idea of creating a soccer program for 2nd/3rd graders and then rolling it down to lower grades in subsequent years. The logistics will be challenging and Wanda will need to be involved in terms of transportation. We'll target the spring and add \$\$ to the budget.

- If there are interested parents, a garden project of some nature can be pursued. Tamar will be consulted to determine where the grant project is.
- In a continued effort to streamline meetings, the PTA officers will meet prior to our regular meetings to discuss business.
- Drop off and pick-up should be used more regularly to promote meetings (beyond poster)
- PTA will provide food this year for meetings and hopefully this will encourage others to bring snacks. Officers will rotate responsibility for purchasing the food. We will discuss our 6:30 time at the first meeting to make certain it is convenient.
- Parent communication was discussed. The phone tree seemed to work okay but we must be careful about what we use it for. Trish will spearhead the directory and phone tree with the former being available by the end of September. The possibility of having a pre-recorded message parents can call with news of the week should be considered.
- YMCA used the building over the summer and broke 5 Adirondack chairs. They have offered to reimburse. We will repurchase the same wood chairs and assemble them at a PTA meeting.
- PTA received a First Book donation that was lopsided, with 216 copies of Tell Time with Thomas. We will keep 75 for the first grade time unit and offer the rest to Foothill and Crestview.
- The budget was reviewed and adjusted according to last year's actual and projected programs for the coming year.
- The possibility of buying a jumpy castle was considered. PE would like to use it for both the carnival and field day. It was decided to rent first and see how it is received and whether we can handle the logistics before we lay out the cash.
- We will conduct our yearly audit on 9/3@ 5:30
- David will propose agenda for the first pta meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM