

CCCK8 PTSA Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2015

Present: Jody Dickson, Tami Lawson, Jennifer Brown, Stephanie Rosario, Linda Duffy, Maria McVey, Bridget Vancauwelaert, Sumi Ghosh, Joanna Waggoner, Beth Deming, MaryAnn McGinnis.

Officer Reports

January meeting minutes approved.

Membership/Joanna: 68. February membership report sent in. McDonalds is sponsoring a membership challenge: all FTE staff members join, and PTA gets \$100.

Financial report/Stephanie: Balance: \$3594. Writers in the Schools paid.

Volunteer/classroom enrichment/Maria: Grades 1-2 want a field trip during CMAS. Kindergarten still has money. Grades 3-4 field trip to Manitou Springs and Garden of the Gods is almost ready. We have enough volunteers for the ski trip. Specials field trips: Grades 1-2 - art, grades 3-4 - music, grades 5-8 - ski trip.

Committee reports:

Fundraising: Jody just got the school supplies lists and is getting organized. Tami will investigate potentials with Target and Kohl's cards. Jody reports that United Power has funds and can distribute them in three ways: 1. needs-based funding requests, 2. ask Heidi for money for something specific, 3. free printing and copies at UP office.

Open Business

Silent Auction/Variety Show: date will be set soon, probably May 7 or 8. We will again ask each class for an auction basket, ask community for auction item donations, ask each family for a donation, then provide appetizers. Laura is organizing food. Beth is advertising in Mountain Messenger

Men Make a Difference Day went well. Volunteers served throughout the day. We reached our male volunteer goal.

Homework Help nights: ideas for themes? Jen Brown suggests grades 5-6 wax museum project, to work on their boards. Sumi suggests writing help for grades 3-4. He sees boys struggling with assignments and thinks parents could use help understanding.

Random Acts of Kindness: Jen Brown is searching for something similar to the Dave Baldwin memorial 50 Acts of Kindness for Day Without Hate. She hopes to extend it to the whole canyon. She asked Student Council for their ideas and they are brainstorming. Nice notes? Helping with Canyon Cares? Something with churches or CCCIA or fire department?

Progress on goals: Reached male volunteer goal. Enrichment is on target. Jody is working on a draft of a survey for family feedback goal. One Homework Help night done, planning two more.

New Business

The nominating committee can end up recommending that bylaws be changed so Jody and Stephanie

can continue as President and Treasurer another year. Nominating committee members: Tami Lawson, Gwen Burak, Stacey Yannett, Beth Hutchinson. Discussion of need to get parents of younger students involved. Idea: Wine and cheese night for new Kindergarten parents?

PTA Colorado is holding the state convention April 17-18 if anyone can attend.

C3AC Shared time

Teacher Report

Jerry Rasch, Learning Specialist, reported about Response to Intervention (RTI) . Each student's response to measureable and research-based interventions is tracked in a system. Teachers give input. RTI is required before special education, and a student goes on to special education only if their response is not good enough. Otherwise, the RTI is closed. RTI is mostly academic, but can also help with behavior, social/emotional, speech/articulation, etc. RTI can also be for gifted/talented, and Jen Brown hopes for a new para next year to focus on that. Main message: there is lots of support here.

School/District Updates

Summary of what Jen Brown asked for in the budget:

First priority

- Full day Kindergarten
- Keep instructional coach
- Keep same arts, music, PE
- status quo staffing, except add 1 FTE for kindergarten

Second priority

- add 2 paras, for 4 total

Third priority

- technology: 2 more Smartboards, 10 teacher PCs, 15 laptops, 25 Chromebooks
- Building/facilities: chairs, tables, etc.

Discussions: using paras for extra parent communication, for gifted/talented specialties, for best student success; social workers vs counselors and a decision about that made by the BOE.

Reviewed proposed school fees. Jen Brown tried to shift some fees from parents to school.

C3AC Adjourned