

CCCK8 PTSA Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2014

Present: Jody Dickson, Bridget Vancauwelaert, Tami Lawson, Jennifer Brown, Beth Deming, Stephanie Rosario, Michele Page, Laura Olson, Maria McVey, Jason Moat, Heather McLaughlin, Joanna Waggoner

C3AC Shared time

Teacher report

Melissa Yearsley, Instructional Rounds and Thinking Maps

Ms. Yearsley shared handouts from the Problem of Practice for this Instructional Rounds, as well as a list of the future action steps they decided on. The next Instructional Rounds will be in mid-December. She also shared handouts outlining 8 different kinds of Thinking Maps they are using school-wide. They help kids organize their thoughts and help with understanding and articulating. Everyone has learned and used the 1st four types of maps, know when they should use each, and will soon start learning about the second four. Thinking maps have been a good way to continue the DOK (Depth of Knowledge) from last year.

Principal's Report

Student council decided to do Spirit Fridays (11/7 Eagles gear, 11/14 favorite sports team). Box tops challenge is starting. Canned food drive is happening. Ms. Brown gave student council the responsibility for running the monthly SOAR assemblies. Gutters are coming soon. Ms. Brown shared the current CCCK8 budget and showed us the Jeffco schools budget transparency website: http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/financial_transparency/index.html. Bring budget questions to December meeting.

C3AC adjourned

Officer Reports

Membership: 67

Enrichment: Mr. Mauler is archery-certified and applied for a grant to purchase archery equipment. He would like to do after school programs, summer programs, and perhaps develop a competitive team. The grant requires \$500 matching funds, and he needs \$167 more. Motion was made and approved for PTSA to make the \$167 contribution.

Field trip: K-2 will go see a play at the Arvada Center.

Jason Moat did firefighter demo for several grades, which fulfilled some enrichment.

Still working on Writers in the School.

Special Events: Tricia resigned as chair. Possible replacements: Laura Olson, Jennie Overmyer.

Teacher Appreciation: Stacy Yannett resigned chair. Courtney Ghosh was co-chair.

Fundraising: Encourage evergreens purchase. Flyers coming in Friday folders. Fresh samples will be at school on Nov 17. Nov 21 will be deadline for orders at school because of Thanksgiving break.

Information is on the website, and a Paypal link will be added.

Reflections (National PTA art contest with yearly theme. Judged, and winners move on to regional, state, national): Michele Page came to ask for suggestions for increasing participation. Participation has declined: 10 entries this year, compared to 32, 57, 110 entries previous three years. No one attended the two workshops, and the judges drove up to look at only 10 entries. Ideas for increasing participation again? Let's have parents help with a dedicated after school time for kids to work on their entries.

Open Business

Trick or Treat Street feedback: Cake walk was very popular. Fewer adult dinners were purchased this year, but more came in for wristbands. 7/8 graders asked for donation to their DC funds in exchange for their work on haunted house. We need more information – was it for a certain student, or the general fund?

Parent education math night: Planned for December 3 (early release day). We would like to learn about: math frameworks, content specific, how parents can help, overview of Math Expressions, online component. Norris and Birch don't teach math this year, so they proposed teaching other stuff at the math night.

Bring male to school day: reschedule for January 30.

Goals: We have four proposed goals, and approved all of them. Each month we will develop action items for each one. Discussion of the fourth goal (develop parent group to support families to support education) and how it would work. Start social, regularly-scheduled potlucks for homework and study buddies, with purpose of connecting.

New Business

CCCIA requests: help with Thanksgiving decorations, help with Eggstravaganza

Bylaws: reviewed by COPTA and not accepted, so we will work on them again.

Appreciation and Adjourn

Choice enrollment Thank You to Mr. Mcminimee and Mr. Elliot.