



CCCK8 PTSA 2015 - 2016

General Membership Meeting Notes

11/2/15

In attendance: Lesa Clarkson, Tami Lawson, Heather McLaughlin, Sumi Ghosh, Linda Duffy, Stephanie Rosario, Jason Moat, Laura Graves, Jody Dickson, Joanna Waggoner, Maria McVey, Jennifer Brown, Jay Ellwein

PTSA General Membership Meeting (6:00 – 7:00 pm)

6:00 – 6:10

Officer Reports

- Structure & Open Positions (*Jody*)
- Approval of the September and October notes - approved
- Membership Report (*Joanna*) - 45
 - o Membership Campaign – ideas: create form to make online sign up possible. Discussion of some payments done online without corresponding membership forms.
- Volunteer/Classroom/Enrichment Report (*Maria*) – Only K and 1st want parent volunteers so far. Enough paras this year and teachers have plenty of help. Maria is still looking for a community volunteer to be a regular for special ed.
- Financial Report (*Stephanie*) - \$8340. \$1102 from Trick or Treat Street. Last year - \$1300. Stephanie asked questions about enrichment, Eagle Eyes, and combining two “appreciations.” For budget planning.
 - o Enrichment Campaign
- Student Council/National Junior Honors Society
- Distribution of Committee Reports
 - o Health & Wellness Committee Report (*OPEN*)
 - o After School (*Linda*)
 - o Special Events (*Laura*)
 - o Reflections (*OPEN*)
 - o Male Engagement (*Jason*)
 - Ideas to increase participation: personal invites, highlighting special days, another round to promote to kids, featuring Today’s Eagle Eye on FB.
 - o Teacher Appreciation (*Courtney*)
 - o C3AC Report (*Melissa*)
 - o Fundraising (*Beth*)
 - Evergreens

Open Business

6:10 – 6:25

- Events (*Laura*)
 - o October Events Feedback – Trick or Treat Street was very well organized. Two lines worked well, and Eagle Eyes guys were helpful with the lines. The signs were great. Games in the gym seemed good. Haunted house was scary. Storytime was very nice. Jacqueline made the robot and we can reuse him. Need clear rules for dinner and wristbands. Preschool kids – free? Do adults need wristbands? 7th/8th graders pay for dinner, or since they worked, free? Charge just one price instead of adult dinner, kid dinner, wristband?
 - o Veterans’ Day Give Back – Idea from Christine Neff to “buy back” Halloween candy and send to soldiers.

- Men Make a Difference Day – Tentatively scheduled for Nov 10 and need to postpone. Jason would like to use the breakfast as another push for Eagle Eye participation, so he would like it earlier. Discussion of good date, busy-ness of the rest of the year, and decided on January 15. Idea for promoting Eagle Eyes: post today’s vol on FB.
- Holiday Concert

6:25 – 6:40

- Goals (*Jody*)
 - Review revised goal around communication, resources – Jennifer Brown revised and combined the two goals: “We will develop and implement three new resources for increasing communication between classrooms and the students’ families in order to help with different ways and means of learning. We believe that by making tools available and by improving communication between school and home, it will result in better performance. We hope to help support students’ families who struggle with specific content areas or are looking to enhance their depth of knowledge in a specific content area. We will work with the teachers and school staff to help identify these resources. Improved communication attention may be focused around topics like homework, curriculum, learning goals and measurement of performance. At the end of the implementation, we will gather feedback from teachers, students and families about the impact of the added process or resource.”.
 - Develop action items around this goal
Ideas for action items: one parent per grade to gather from teacher? Interview each teacher about resources? Then send resources to Sheryl? Parents cannot update school websites, so we could do it all on the PTSA website, with links from class websites. And maybe a forum for parents to chat and share

6:40 – 6:55

- Review Proposed Annual Budget (*Jody*)
postponed to next meeting

6:55 – 7:00

- New Business (*Jody*)
- Communications Support
 - Friday Notes
 - Website Pages
 - Facebook Page

Shared Meeting Time with C3AC (7:00 –7:30 pm)

7:00

- Welcome (*Jody/Melissa*)
- Teacher/Staff Reports – Jay Ellwein reported on the Rocky Mountain National Park field trips. One day was beautiful and one day it snowed. Kids enjoyed both days. Rangers set up stations and the kids rotated. The charter buses were really a luxury. Thank you to Maria for setting it up. He also reported on Mastery Connect. CCK8 was one of 16 schools selected to pilot this online assessment tool – “Mastery along the way.” It speeds up the process of collecting data, can break kids into groups and correlate with Colorado standards. It has all standards in all content areas and everything can be shared and reused.
 - Principal’s Report (*Principal Jennifer Brown*) – Tech updates: trying to get ipads for each teacher. Just got 4 new ipads, a new computer cart, 32 new Chromebooks, 2 new Smartboards for art and science, and a white board for Music. Teachers all got new laptops or desktops and paras got desktops. Staff updates: New facilities manager, Jacobs. Five paras, Paula, Rachel Hoffa (K enrichment, 3-4 and library), Jen Firestone (K, 1, 2), Brenda (5-8, 3-4, G/T, 3-4 ALP), Kathy Elinsky (LLI, reading intervention, 7-8 math, 5-8 ALP)
 - Community Forum/School Improvement

National PTA Mission:

The overall purpose of PTA is...

“To make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

CCCK-8 PTSA Mission:

The purpose of the Coal Creek Canyon K-8 Parent Teacher Student Association (CCC K-8 PTSA) is to:

- foster communication between the home and the school
- provide opportunities for parents to play a part in their child’s education
- enhance the educational atmosphere and experience at CCC K-8

The PTSA does this by partnering with the CCC K-8 staff to organize parent classroom volunteers, sponsor assemblies, underwrite field trips, develop after-school programs, coordinate teacher appreciation activities, lead community events, and raise funds to make our school the best it can be.



2015 - 2016 Goals (to date):

We challenge ourselves to:

- Have Eagle Eyes volunteers present at least 70 school days under this new male participation program before the end of this school year. When men are involved in school, children learn more, perform better in school, exhibit healthier behavior, have fewer discipline problems, are more likely to participate in extracurricular activities and enjoy school more.
- Offer at least one new and different method of fundraising than those we have offered in the past. Taking advantage of a year that the school has more discretionary funds than usual, we will experiment with at least one new method of raising funds to support the ways that we typically need to support the school. These funds are critical in most years to fulfill the mission of the CCCK-8 PTSA of bringing enrichment opportunities to the school and supplies for the teachers or facility. As part of this goal, we could explore different kinds of events, formal raffle / bingo capabilities or other alternative fundraising means. This opportunity may replace one of the other fundraising efforts we usually have offered in the past, but we commit that we will not fulfill this goal through finding another product to sell.

CCC K-8 PTSA 2015-16 CALENDAR

November

11/2 – PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

11/11 – Veterans Day

Men Make A Difference Day

Fall Assembly or Field Trip

Evergreen Fundraiser

Reflections Award Ceremony & possible open house

December

12/3 – Holiday Concert - PTSA hosted hot chocolate/apple cider at winter concert, music night

12/7 – PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm

12/18 – Skate Day @ APEX, Holiday Room Parties & Teacher/Staff Holiday Luncheon

Parent Education evening (possible topic: homework help)

January

1/11 – PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
Health & Wellness Night
Winter Assembly or Field Trip
Science Fair

February

2/1 – PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
2/11 – Valentine's Day Room Parties 10:30 am K, 2:30 pm 1 – 8th grades
Parent Education evening (possible topic: advocating for your kids or health/wellness)

March

3/7 – PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm, PTSA Nominating Committee Formed
3/14 -3/18 – Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
3/16 – Teacher Appreciation Dinner
PARCC Testing support
Spring Assembly or Field Trip

April

4/4 – PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm, PTSA Elections
4/29 - Day Without Hate
Reusable Bag Fundraiser
Bring Your Family to School Week
Parent Education evening (possible topic: summer slide)
Screen Free Week
Variety Show & Dinner w/ silent auction

May

5/2 – PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
5/2 – 5/6 – Teacher Appreciation Week
Volunteer Appreciation Tea 4:00 pm
Lakeside Night
All School Field Trip
Field Day
Book Swap
8th grade continuation
Tie Dye Day
5/25 – Last Day of School

July

4th of July parade/booths/games
Summer Officer & Committee Chair Meeting