

Columbine Elementary PTA
3130 Replier, Boulder, CO
March 10, 2008
6:30-8:45 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Columbine PTA was called to order March 10th, 2008, at 6:40 pm by Trish Wood who also recorded the minutes.

There were 15 people present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: The district is in the process of creating the 08/09 budget. They are seeking input from each school's SIT. The group reviewed the Budget Perspectives Book and Lynn provided a summary of its contents. She also reiterated our TIES goals. The Columbine building budget is \$41k. Our budget input will be to help determine what the district's priorities should be as they relate to our TIES goals. In other words, how do these funds help us reach our goals. Overall, our school budget isn't flexible enough to apply towards our goals - we only have enough to cover the minimum and use Title I funds to cover the rest. Budget input will be submitted electronically. The group discussed that other methods to collect feedback actually work better for our school.

Lynn also mentioned we are in the middle of CSAP and it's going fine but increases the stress level for both the kids and staff.

3 parents are working on a documentary about our school which will premiere April 26th @ the Nomad Theater. Tickets are \$10 and it will have subtitles. A free showing for the school will be later in the Spring.

Lynn reminded parents to read the mi-year progress report that was in last Friday's Connections.

The climate committee and Design Team will be participating in a presentation on PBSS (Positive Behavior Support System). It's a comprehensive look at rules, behaviors and consequences. This relates to our TIES goal on climate and bullying.

FUNDRAISING: The raffle was discussed at length. Two main topics were debated. First was a proposal to change the prize structure to lower the cash prizes and thus increase the net profit to the PTA. Second was a proposal to send tickets home instead of using the order form we have used in the past. It was decided to change the prize format to the following: \$750 first, \$300 second, two \$100 prizes. This was the best choice in terms of making enough difference \$500 to justify potential decrease in ticket sales. Processing will remain unchanged since it has worked in the past. We will look for 20 volunteers to do individual and group processing. Packets will go out 4/4 and back 4/24

We already have prize commitments from Island Grill, Aji, Murphy's, Hungry Toad, Pupusas and the St. Julien Hotel.

TREASURER's report - no report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS: The staff party will start at 6PM instead of 5 @ Ozo on 3/14. Everything else is in order. Many parents have donated liquor.

D.E.A.R - Drop Everything and Read day will be celebrated Friday, April 11th. Each class will spend one hour free reading on that day - they can select the time that best works with their schedule. Kids can wear pajamas and bring stuffed toys for popcorn reading. PTA will provide popcorn and drinks.

Parent involvement is in a slump. Parents still aren't getting flyers about school events in a timely manner. Lynn will remind the staff. Parents suggested using the phone tree more. It was also decided to make the meetings more interesting by integrating hands-on events. There will be an "officers" pre-meeting to hash out fundraising, event and school improvement details. Decisions/suggestions will be brought to the group for approval or discussion. This will streamline the meetings.

The food for P/T conferences didn't work as well as in the past. Each grade will use the phone tree to remind parents. In addition, grade level teams will be assigned to set-up and clean up for a night. Specials will take the night PTA purchases food.

Clean-up day with First Pres church will be 5/10. There will be courtyard dining for the class with the most parents that attend to help. Submit requested projects to Lynn.