

Columbine Elementary PTA
3130 Repplier, Boulder, CO
September 10, 2008
6:30-8:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Columbine PTA was called to order Sept.10,2007, at 6:40 pm by President Rebekah Hartman. Trish Wood recorded the minutes.

There were 25 people present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Lynn mentioned that enrollment was around 370, down from 400 last year. This is partially due to renovations at San Juan and the temporary movement of families. If enrollment remains down, our FTE would be dropped since we are currently overstaffed.

Lynn also reported that it has not been decided whether we will receive a new building or have an addition plus renovations as originally planned. It is estimated that \$4-5 Million more funds will be needed to pay for a new building. If a new building is feasible, it will need to be addressed by the school board and bond oversight committee. Chris King, the Superintendent promised a decision by the end of Oct. Renovations would be harder on learning. Once a decision has been made a committee will be formed. Other buildings already under construction are coming in over budget because they must comply with new changes in the building code.

The school has instituted new changes for lunch. We are only allowing 3 charges. After that students will be given a small lunch (pbj and milk). Look for marks on your child's hand to indicate their account is at zero.

REFLECTIONS: National arts program featuring student photography, dance, drawing and literature. Columbine is participating this year and info will be going out in Friday folders. The deadline for submissions will be late October. Teachers should encourage students to participate but aren't allowed to assign it as a project. The theme is "I can make a difference."

Picture day will be 9/17. Advance payment is required.

We still have a $\frac{1}{2}$ time open DPC position if anyone is interested. Sara King offered to take the whole position if it remains empty. It's a great way to find out what's happening at the district level. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

PHONE TREE: A volunteer is working on it. It's being put together by child's name just as in the district to avoid complications of split families. Each family will only be asked to call one more family. It should be promoted as a great way to get to know one family in your child's class..

No TREASURER's report - the budget will be set and ready for approval at the 10/8 meeting.

OFFRENDA: A discussion took place as to whether there was interest in setting up an Offrenda for Dia de las Muertas. The idea was supported and it will be set up at 4pm on the appropriate day. Antonia, Marta Nava and Salome Rosales offered to help. Yolanda Perez will also be consulted.

CARNIVAL: Third year of this event which will include art, performances and food. Wanda and Trish will obtain volunteers from outside sources (Rotary club, DECA) to help with event since parent volunteers haven't worked out. Non-classroom teachers will also be used as volunteers and will supervise outside volunteers. Since the timing is short, a discussion was had and a vote taken regarding the possibility of moving it to Nov. 8th. Parents were concerned about the weather and that we would table the planning and end up at the same place. Kids are excited and getting performances ready. Other items discussed:

- Joni B, Sara K, and Deb A. and Liz Smith will handle decorations
- Food will be streamlined by only offering marinara spaghetti, salad and bread
- Pizza will have a separate station
- Dessert and drinks will be sold separately
- Hot chocolate and coffee too
- Tix will be assembled at next meeting

Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05

A meeting of the food committee was held after the regular meeting where the menu was determined and Lazaro offered to make all the sauce. Parents will be asked to bring ingredients. Tore will be contacted to see how he can help. Rebekah will look into day old bread from Whole Foods and Wanda will approach Moe's . PTA will purchase any pasta we need that isn't covered by parent donations.

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3130 Repplier, Boulder, CO
September 18, 2008
3:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Columbine PTA Board was called to order Sept.18,2007, at 3:10 pm by Treasurer Joni Burr. Trish Wood recorded the minutes.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the PTA budget for the 2007/8 school year.

Lynn Widger, Sara King, Trish Wood and Joni Burr attended

Please note attached changes to the budget.

A summary of those changes is as follows:

- Calwood expenses will drop due to less rounds. PTA will pay \$2K with the rest coming from the Opportunity Fund (OF)
- Due to lack of planned fundraisers and grants, income is estimated to be \$7900 less than the previous year. Board members worked together to reduce expenses.
- Reflections will not incur expenses.
- 4th grade team will be printing and selling 200 sets of cards to raise funds for Calwood.
- There are no new planned holiday fundraisers so expenses related to fundraising will be dropped.
- An idea to drop raffle prize amounts was considered but those budget amounts remained unchanged for now because that discussion needs to involve the entire PTA.
- Opportunity Fund will pay for: classroom enrichment (field trips, presentations), MM t-shirts, remaining balance of Calwood, assemblies (monies for those will come from SCFD grant) and the 5th grade choir t-shirts.
- The school improvement budget will include a new canvas for the stage backdrop, speaker stands and possibly a wireless headset system for performances.
- Finally, sales tax will be paid in on lump sum on tamale sales and the 4th grade cards at the end of the year.

Joni Burr will prepare the budget, email it to the board for revisions and bring it to the 10/8 meeting for approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM