

Columbine Elementary PTA
3130 Repplier, Boulder, CO
September 8, 2008
6:30-830 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Columbine PTA was called to order September 8, 2008 at 6:40 pm by David Sterling. Trish Wood recorded the minutes

There were 32 people present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Columbine was named one of Denver's Top Schools in the September issue of 5280.

PBS Positive Behavior Support is the new citizenship program. The three main points are being safe, respectful and responsible. This is a cohesive approach to behavior and teachers/counselors will be featuring different topics each month. Students are responding well.

Visioning for the new school will start this month. The school board will discuss tomorrow night (9/9) whether to approve the rebuild or renovation. It appears the district is still about \$1Million short. The school board meeting should be a formality. The visioning meetings will be focused on programming we want to extend in the new school, not the physical building. We are asking parents to attend all four meetings if they want to be part of the visioning team. Meeting dates are: 9/24,10/8,10/29,11/12 . Everyone is invited, childcare and translation provided. Liesl F and Kori J offered to leaflet neighborhood.

The October PTA meeting was moved to Monday, October 6.

Columbine did not make AYP again. The Department of Education will be coming the week of 9/29 to conduct an audit and make recommendations. We will receive \$10K in planning money plus additional funding to support achievement.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS: This year PTA has added a new mini-grant program to formalize monetary or action requests from staff. These monies are in addition to their classroom grants. Requests for money/action by PTA will be made on a form detailing how the funds will be used. Deadline for monetary requests will be Sept.30 and just before Spring Break. Action can be requested any time. Officers will consider requests and make recommendations to the larger group for final approval.

FUNDRAISING: Applications for dining nights at Chipotle, Noodles, Wahoo and bag credit program at Whole Foods have all been submitted. Frasca was also contacted for a raffle prize. There will be an election day back sale where homemade treats will be featured. Kids will be able to purchase something during lunch.

TREASURER's report - The 2008/09 budget was reviewed. Changes include the mini grant program (see above), and increase in Calwood due to bigger 5th grade and money for the 2nd grade soccer team. Budget was approved.

STAFF REPORT: No news to report. They reiterated the desire to have staff appreciation at school.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: We're still working on getting a soccer club going for the younger kids (2nd grade). If we can't find a coach, the 2nd graders should be considered as ball handlers/cheerleaders for the older kids. Our pool of kids might be smaller than expected because I Have a Dream is adopting a second grade class this year.

SIT - There is new motivation to formalize a SIT at Columbine this year. The school improvement team is a group of parents who act as advisors to administrators/staff. They examine school goals and the progress we are making towards those goals. We are looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Meetings will be more frequent (2 meetings of 2-3 hours each) until our accreditation in October. One meeting the week of Sept 21st and one the week of Oct 5th - the time of the meetings is flexible to accommodate the most people.

Carnival - Planned for Thur 9/18. There is concern over CU football evening game and how that will impact volunteers. It is also a short timeline to prepare. There was consensus to move the date. Several options were discussed and the group settled on Monday, November 10th with a majority vote.

DPC - The district has hired a consultant to improve school meals. Thrive, a parenting publication is new this year and should arrive in your mail this week. It has tips on health and parenting topics and will be published every two years. District is targeting completion of our bond project in 2011. There is a new superintendent, Vaughn Sheperd. Hope Online charter school has started in San Juan and is pulling some students from district schools. They will receive state funds for each student. Any concerns or celebrations from the community should be shared with Sara who will bring them to DPC.

The group discussed whether to have food at meetings. The consensus was yes. It was decided to alternate between a pot-luck and PTA providing food.

GUEST SPEAKER: Linda Overholser from Kids Hope and First Pres Church came to present the possibility of Columbine participating in the December 6th Lights of December Parade. They have an antique fire engine and a flatbed we could use. There was consensus to participate. A committee will be formed to plan and coordinate.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 8:30