

Columbine Elementary PTA  
3130 Replier, Boulder, CO  
February 11th, 2008  
6:30-8:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Columbine PTA was called to order February 11th, 2008, at 6:40 pm by Secretary Trish Wood who also recorded the minutes.

There were 15 people present.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** The district is offering TIES training for any interested parents. David Sterling will attend as it will be useful in his role as DAC rep. Our new Assistant Principal, Sandra Mendez was in attendance. Her new office is where the former mailroom was. The mail boxes have now be relocated to the workroom. We have received an "official" invitation from the Superintendent's Office to begin planning with them for full-day kindergarten for the fall.

Next year we are predicting 4 rounds per grade except for 4<sup>th</sup> grade which will only have 3 rounds. This structure ensures the 18-1 ratio. This means we will need 24 classrooms and we only have 23. This actually makes us short 2 classrooms. Adding a portable will depend on whether there are any available since Casey will be using so many. Open enrollment has closed and our numbers look about the same as in years past. We opened 11 spaces to ensure an extra round of kindergarten so we don't have the larger class size we had this year. Lynn reported that our outreach efforts, while not producing the number of enrollments we would like, are minimally changing the "word on the street."

There is no new information to report about the bond issue.

**Parent Involvement:** There are multiple opportunities to help in the classroom in the coming week - we're asking parents to invite friends to participate...especially for TODOS. Wanda/Trish are hoping to start a PTA program titled Three4Me next fall. This program encourages each parent to commit to 3 hours of volunteer time a year.

**FUNDRAISING:** We have the opportunity to do a Wahoo fundraiser in the Spring. We would receive 10% of all profits plus tips. We can also add a raffle to boost income. It was decided to stick with sales to ease the effort/funds ratio and so as not to interfere with our main raffle.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade cards are doing well...especially at Ozo and they will be doing a reprint with the theme of Colorado Animals.

**TREASURER's report:** We are ahead of budget this year due to all the good fundraising by Linda! Our largest expenditure over the last month was \$1K for the microphones and mixing board. This was a budgeted expense and only went over by a very small sum. (latest budget attached)

**OTHER BUSINESS:** We'll handle food for parent teacher conferences like we did in the fall, with two grades bringing food each night and PTA purchasing on one. The flyer will be changed to clarify that parents should bring food on the assigned night instead of the night of their scheduled conference. Flyers will go out 2/22 and 2/29.

The possibility of adding a food service "harvest bar" like at Creekside was considered. Many schools are moving towards including a salad bar at no extra charge to the students. It was agreed that we need to get more kids involved/interested before pursuing. In addition, similar items are already offered on a daily basis here.

Planning for staff appreciation is coming along nicely. Tore will cater , Ozo will supply drinks, tea and coffee and parents will be asked to donate alcohol. Sara King is coordinating and will send a letter to parents soliciting donations in late Feb. The event will be from 5-8 with the band playing from 6-8.

We had \$180 in Bunny Bucks to spend at Grand Rabbits and purchased a variety of craft items, dice, puppets and other items for literacy and math. A note of recognition will go in the newsletter as well as hand-written notes.

We need to do a better job of promoting and highlighting kids in the local media. Trish will make certain all relevant events are posted and submit stories about Alden and Edgar.

Wanda and Trish will make a press release for TODOS before PEN events.