

Werner Elementary School
5400 Mail Creek Lane
Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

April 12, 2011

Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by President Tiffany Haag.

Welcome & Introductions President Haag welcomed everyone and everyone attending introduced themselves.

Review of Minutes Ann Zollman moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Seconded by Julie Grillo. All approved.

Principal's Report Principal Camp was not at the meeting as he was attending the PSD School Board meeting because Werner has received two awards and they are being presented tonight. The awards are the John Irwin School of Excellence Award and Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award.

Coffee Talk - The next Coffee Talk will take place on Friday, April 29th at 9:00 am.

Staffing plan for 2011-2012 - Werner will be going to a 4-track system for all grades. Music, Art, and PE will be going to 100% (currently 80%).

Old Business

Committee Chair Updates

Community Service – Looking into doing a neighborhood as a community service project on April 29th right after school. The cleanup area will be two creeks natural area, natural area around Fossil Creek Meadows Park, and other natural areas around Huntington Hills. A naturalist will talk about the wildlife in those areas. Gloves, trash bags, and flower seeds will be provided. More information will be sent out shortly.

There is a potential service project hosted by a former Werner student who is in 6th grade.

Also working on Honor Flight which is the first weekend in May.

King Soopers Cards – Have earned close to \$4,000 so far. Someone asked about money from Target – Julie Grillo and Tiffany Haag said that the money does come in the form of a check once a year.

Nature Center – Cheryl Hazlitt reported that the new boulders are in the nature center. Monday during the teacher training they are bringing an educator to teach the children how to get the students out of the classroom. May 18th is a wild bird fair with 2nd and 3rd graders in the nature center.

Odyssey of the Mind – Carol Wilusz reported that they did fabulously at two recent competitions, two firsts and a third in the Poudre School District competition. The two first place teams went on to state – one team came in 2nd and the other came in 4th. One of the teams has qualified to go to world in Maryland next month.

Science Fair – District Science Fair is this weekend at Boltz Middle School.

Yearbook– Deadline extended to Thursday of this week.

Book Fair – Will be happening later this month.

Treasurer's Report Major Income

\$500 from Kohl's (thank you Julie Grillo)
\$1000 from King Soopers
\$152 from Texas Roadhouse
\$300 Final Collection from Silent Auction
\$7,155 from Expanded Enrichment

Major Expenses

\$170 – First Grade Teacher request for books and workbooks
\$500 – CSAP snacks
\$300 – PBS
\$1,382 - to pay Enrichment expenses (more to come!)

New Business

Request from First Grade - \$170 – Additional first grade books and related workbooks (approved via board vote 4/11/11)

Odyssey of the Mind – the Unhinged team took 2nd at state which qualifies them (along with 3 other Fort Collins teams) to compete at Worlds at the end of May.

This is a big fundraising challenge, and we of course would like to see if we can provide enough support to the team to make it feasible for them to attend this event.

Vote - \$500 in our current budget is set aside for officers to attend the PTA conference in April, but none are able to attend this year. The board would like to suggest that this money be rolled over into the “OM to worlds” fund.

We are also planning to support their fundraising efforts, including dedicating Movie Night to the cause and other plans as they emerge.

Dean Klinger and Doug Adair were representing the team and spoke about the trip and the brainstorming that the parents did to raise money. The estimated costs will be around \$8,000. He also spoke about the lessons the kids have learned and the teamwork involved with the project.

Discussion took place over what the club has received so far this year. That money went toward registration fees.

They asked PSD and Mary Nicholls said there was no money available.

The competition is Memorial Day weekend – they need to write the checks on the 29th of this month. Fundraising can continue past the actual event.

Julie Grillo moved that we move the line item from officer PTA conference to “OM to worlds” fund. Renee Cohn Jones seconded the motion. All approved.

A suggestion was made that if movie night is one of the fundraisers – that the team members show their project.

Officer Nominations

President Haag is proposing the following structure for 2011-2012: 4 people operating together as VP’s (Enrichment VP, Events VP, Programs VP, Volunteer Program VP)

Treasurer

Secretary

Membership (potentially rolled into Secretary)

Newsletter

Teacher Liaison

Principal Advisor

2011-2012 Budget Preview – Dena Ewan presented where the budget currently stands for this year. If you have any questions for Dena let her know. The vote will be at the May meeting.

A more detailed document will be emailed.

Teacher Appreciation week – to be held the first week of May.

Julie Grillo needs help to make everything happen. Let her know where you can help out.

Monday – Juice and food in the workrooms

Tuesday – notes to Specials teachers

Wednesday – thank you to admin staff

Thursday – Cinco de Mayo lunch

Friday – bags filled with gifts

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Speaker Series - Joel Bass, owner and instructor of Paragon Marshal Arts spoke on Children's Safety in a presentation titled "Empower Your Children with Safety Awareness!".