

Werner Elementary School PTA  
5400 Mail Creek Lane  
Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting  
April 8, 2010

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- Call to Order**                    The meeting was called to order by Julie Grillo at 6:31PM.
- Attendance**                    See attendance sign in sheet.
- Review of Minutes**            Tiffany Haag moved to approve the minutes. Dedie Lotito seconded the motion.
- Treasurer's Report**            The bank balance is approximately \$28,000. \$600 was sent to the Colorado PTA to pay the annual dues and \$300 was used for CSAPs.
- Next year, \$150 will be given to each Werner club to cover their expenses. They will need approval prior to reimbursement.
- The PTA will not be doing the homecoming float next year due to low attendance.
- The PTA board will meet with Principal Camp to see which projects will be funded with the earmark reserve.
- Old Business Report**            Three movies, rated G, were presented to the members: Horton Hears a Who, Wall-e, and Curious George. Wall-e was selected and it will be showed on Movie Night, for free, on March 30, 2010.
- Sign up sheets for the collaboration lunch were passed for volunteers to sign up for soup, salad, or a crock pot dish.
- The Darkness to Light's Steward of Children is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention-training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The programs believes and teaches that child safety is an adult's job. Stewards of Children is designed for organizations that serve children and youth. The training will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. It will be free to all Werner staff (an anonymous parent will covered half the cost and the PTA the other half) and \$15 for each attending parent.
- New Business Report**            A new organizational chart was presented for the next PTA board. There will be a president, an Enrichment VP, a Programs VP, and an Events Director, a Secretary and two Treasurers. Board positions can be shared by more than one person. There are six standing committees on the current bylaws. The proposal was to change the bylaws to include other committees.

**Principal's Report**

Option A was selected as next year classroom configuration. There will be 2 FT kindergartens, 2 HD kindergartens, 3.5 first grades, 4 second grades, 3 third grades, 4 fourth grades and 3 fifth grades.

The survey results for parents and teachers were very similar. Both their priorities were class size, literacy and paraprofessionals. Next year, art, music, and PE will be at 80%, counseling at 40%, GT at 20%, media/library and literacy at 100%.

**Committees Reports**

Dedie Lotito showed samples of all the spirit wear that will be available – hats, shirts, vests, etc.

Next year, the PTA will host speakers at the end of the monthly meetings but the meetings might start at 6:15PM instead of 6:30PM to make sure the meetings don't run too late.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM

Speakers Series: "Reconnecting Children With Nature"Presented by:Marcella Wells, Steering

Committee Member for the Children & Nature Connection in Fort Collins, CO

About the Topic: Regarding concerns to our society's childhood health: proposed cuts in P.E., technology, sedentary lifestyles, childhood obesity, super-sized diets, and ADD/ADHD, this presentation will be focusing on raising awareness and reducing barriers, both aimed at getting kids active outside and to explore the out-of-doors. Please come and learn ways to help our children explore nature and ways we can address the issues in our community.

About the Speaker: Marcella Wells is currently a member of the Steering Committee for the Children & Nature Connection in Fort Collins, Colorado. The mission of this organization is to increase awareness of Nature Deficit Disorder (as defined by Richard Louv in his 2005 book "Last Child in the Woods"), and to work with the community to reduce the barriers that hinder opportunities for nature play experiences by local children and families. Marcella is President of Wells Resources, a woman owned, small business that specializes in planning and evaluation for museums. Before founding her company, she was a faculty member in the College of Natural Resources at CSU.