

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

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting  
February 11, 2010

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**Call to Order**                    The meeting was called to order by Julie Grillo at 6:34 pm.

**Attendance**                    See attendance sign in sheet.

**Review of Minutes**            Bridget Froelich moved to approve the minutes. Renee Cohn Jones seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report**           Bre Wells reported that the PTA account balance is \$28,371. The three main events coming up are Teacher & Me, Classroom Baskets and Bingo Night – Spring.

**Old Business Report**        The District Advisory Committee (Tiffany Haag) reported that there are new standards for the schools in the state of Colorado. The graduation requirements are changing and the literacy curriculum is being updated.

The PTA copier is not working properly and different options are being look at to replace the existing one. The PTA can rent one for \$450 a month, share Werner's copier for \$225 a month , use the Risso copier in the work room for \$99 a month without the option of making double sided copies or make copies at PostNet for \$.08 per copy. Karleene Schindler wanted to know how much longer the existing copier will work but the PTA doesn't know. Mindy Gee wanted to know the price of a brand new copier and Kathy Chaco thought that using the copier in the office might disrupt the school staff. The PTA board will review the different alternatives to see what is the best option.

**Committees Reports**        The Hospitality Committee is organizing the collaboration day for the teachers and a sign up sheet was provided for people to volunteer by bringing a dish that day. The Literacy Committee did a wonderful job organizing over 6,000 books by DRA, grade and an online feature will be available in the future. The E-books committee is looking for new options and new providers for next school year. The Family Activity Night made \$173.05. Bingo Night will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> and it will include a Silent Auction. Karleene Schindler wanted to know if a Junior High student can be a mentor for the Lego Robotics Club.

The PTA will provide snacks during the CSAP session. A chair for the Teacher Appreciation Week, the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May, is needed. Those who can help that week should contact a PTA board member.

**New Business Report**

The PTA would like for all parents to attend the Small School presentation that will review how funding cuts will affect Werner and all schools within PSD. Teresa Hughey said that the Parent Literacy Night was at the same time of the presentation.

Carol Alers, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, made a request for the amount of \$200. She wants to have a Literacy Through Poetry Program for her class. A CSU poet/creative writer would come to Werner for 8 one hour teaching sessions. Some of the concerns raised by parents was that by giving \$200 to Mrs. Alers might open the door to all teachers requesting \$200 and that this request only benefits one classroom. The parents wanted to know if more classrooms can participate of the event or if an assembly can be done to have all students participate. Everyone agrees that it is a very good program but too limited in the amount of students who will benefit. Some parents were in favor of granting \$200 if it benefits all classroom within that grade, give Mrs. Alers half of the amount requested, or to have the proposal re-written to include more students. Julie made a motion to give Mrs. Alers \$100, and the school would provide the other \$100, it was seconded by Renee Cohn Jones and approved by parents unanimously.

**Principal's Report**

School of Choice - There are 90 applications for School of Choice this year with 48 of those being Kindergarteners. 12% (or 57 students) of the current 460 students at Werner are school of choice and their monetary value is \$201,210. Last year 129 students opted out of Werner. The projection for next academic year is to have 486 students. The staff will meet on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, to start doing the class configurations and by March they should have notified school of choice parents whether their children were selected to be at Werner.

Parents expressed concerns about the classrooms size if too many school of choice were accepted and asked what would happened if neighborhood school children come in the middle of the school year. Mr. Camp said that in some cases some school of choice children might need to be reallocated.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

**Speaker Series*****TEAM Fort Collins***

***Speakers Series: TEAM Fort Collins – Why do they act that way? By Scoot Crandall, Director of TEAM Fort Collins. A look at the developing adolescent and risky behavior. TEAM is a community coalition, which promotes a healthy lifestyle without the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs in Fort Collins.***