

Werner Elementary School PTA

5400 Mail Creek Lane

Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

May 13, 2010

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- Call to Order**            The meeting was called to order by Julie Grillo at 6:32 pm.
- Attendance**            See attendance sign in sheet.
- Review of Minutes**    Tiffany Haag moved to approve the minutes. Bridget Froelich seconded the motion.
- Treasurer's Report**    Wendy Banks proposed the budget for 2010-2011. There is a \$5,000 operational reserve, \$14,000 that will be given for class upgrades (desks, chairs, etc.,) and \$9,000 on playground reserves. Renee Cohn-Johns moved to approve the budget and Kris Lee seconded the motion. The budget was approved as presented unanimously. Rhonda Robinson moved to approve the cash reserves and Bridget Froelich seconded the motion. The cash reserves were approved as presented unanimously.
- Dena Ewan reported a net profit from the yearbook of \$946, and profit of \$135 from the Texas Roadhouse restaurant night event. There were about \$1,000 expenses for the teacher appreciation week, birthday books, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- Old Business**            PTA Movie Night on April 30th featuring Wall-E and it was a great success. Over 100 parents and children participated.
- The Teacher Appreciation Week was a complete success. All the events during the week were greatly appreciated by the staff and the Serious Texas Bar-B-Q was a big hit.
- The Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children was well received. A total of 27 people, parents and staff, attended the training. A training design for children K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be given next school year.
- Werner received \$214 thanks to those in the Werner community who participated on an online survey. \$2 per participant were given back to Werner.

The PTA organizational chart that was presented at the April meeting was voted on. In order to have the new chart the by-laws needed to be amended to include a president, an enrichment VP, programs VP, and an events director. Kris Lee moved to approved the new by-laws and Lori Everhart seconded the motion. The amended by-laws were approved unanimously.

The slate for officer for 2010-2011 were: Tiffany Haag – President, Ann Zollman – Enrichment VP, Rhonda Robinson – Programs VP, Rebecca Creech – Events Director, Lori Everhart – Secretary, Wendy Banks – Treasurer, and Dena Ewan – Treasurer. The officers were presented and Renee Cohn-Johns moved to approve the officers and Carol Wilusz seconded the motion. The officers were approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

Teacher Funding Request – Linda Janezich, Literacy, requested to have \$987 given by the PTA last year and left on her reserves to be used on four sets on hands on activities, reading, and spelling training for children. The sets are \$300 each and she needs three more sets. The books will be used for Literacy but any teacher can learn the dynamics and the lessons from these sets and applied in the classroom. Tiffany Haag moved to approve the request and Kris Lee seconded the motion. The request was approved unanimously and an extra \$300 were added in case Mrs. Janezich wants to buy another set in the future.

Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. Martin, and Mr. Braaten - 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers – requested three kidney tables for \$259 each. Mrs. Spangler explained the benefits of this table vs. a normal table. There is more contact and interaction with the children. Wanda Molinary Knipp explained that she has used different types of tables and that the one requested is the best because it still allows for a one on one interaction with the children even when you have 6 students sitting by it. Bridget Froelich moved to approve the request and Renee Cohn Jones seconded the motion. The request was approved unanimously.

The PTA is requesting buying a popcorn machine and cart to be used in school events. This year one was rented three times for a total of \$150. A new one, same size, costs around \$150. Buying one will paid off within a year and the machine can be used in other events as well. The cart is an additional \$80. Bridget Froelich moved to approve the request and Renee Cohn Jones seconded the motion. The request was approved unanimously.

The PTA wants to buy 500 apples to give away on the last day of school. The cost is \$150. Carol Wilusz approve the request and Kris Lee seconded the motion. The request was approved unanimously.

The PTA meetings will be moved to the second Tuesday of the month and they will start at 6:15pm to better accommodate the speaker series.

May is the allergy awareness month and Julie Grillo demonstrated how EpiPen works.

**Principal's Update**

There is a new starting school time for the 2010-2011 school year. The first bell will ring at 8:45am and the end time for the school will be 3:23pm. This was done to better accommodate the bus route within the district and will save \$300,000 per year.

Due to the budget cuts, there were some areas in Werner that were cut and some that will be enhanced. There will be more certified teachers but less classified support.

Mr. Camp thanked the PTA for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week and mentioned that for the first time even the cafeteria and custodian staff were recognized.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm

**Speakers Series: “The Skinny on Bicycling in Fort Collins”, David “DK” Kemp - City of Fort Collins Bicycle Coordinator & Manager of the FC Bikes Program**

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