

Werner Elementary School
5400 Mail Creek Lane
Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

November 8, 2011

- Call to Order** Meeting was called to order by Vice President Ann Zollman at 6:20 pm.
- Welcome** Ann Zollman welcomed everyone and went over some upcoming events.
- 3rd Grade Music Program 11/10
 - Meals That Matter 11/14-18
 - Turkey Round Up 11/15
 - Newsletter Deadline 11/15
 - Werner Night Out at Serious Texas Barbeque 11/16
 - Thanksgiving Break 11/23-25 and 11/28
 - Fall Enrichment ends 12/2
 - Winter Book Fair 12/5-9
 - December Meeting and Speaker Series 12/6
 - Cares & Shares 12/8
 - Werner Night Out at Taverna 12/11
 - Jazz Choir 12/15
 - Winter Break 12/21 – 1/6
 - January PTA meeting and Speaker Series 1/10
 - Werner Night Out at Cozzolas 1/23 - 24
- Ann introduced the board members.
- Treasurer's Report** Beginning Balance \$39,882.41
Income - \$6,331.39
Expenses – \$14,403.07
Ending balance – \$31,810.73
- Highlights:
Net proceeds from Fall Festival \$10,601
Net proceeds from Entertainment Books \$5,576
Net proceeds from Directory \$399.75
Net proceeds from Birthday Books \$196.04
Proceeds from King Soopers gift cards \$905.39 (ongoing)
Proceeds from Richies Car Wash \$48 (new and ongoing)
Proceeds from Werner Night Out \$437.50
- Principal's Report** Principal Camp thanked everyone again for the mill bond. He said they were able to buy more technology and some of the staffing needs for the school.
- Teachers are working on the transition to the new Colorado Standards. Principal Camp said he could do a session on the new standards at an upcoming speaker series if there is interest, or just a snapshot. The state

will fully implement the standards in December. He will also put information in an upcoming newsletter.

He said that teachers have started introducing learning targets to students and are experimenting with them. Principal Camp encourages everyone to ask the teachers about them.

Technology – approx. 100 netbooks are about ready to go into the hands of the 5th graders.

Enrollment is currently at 571

Still waiting to hear from the district about a modular. It would be used for intervention space and will give us some breathing room.

Old Business

Committee Updates

Wellness Committee – Coach J and Jennifer Johnston discussed the first Wellness Committee meeting last month and talked about some of the things they want to do this year including: alternative, healthy, snacks in the classrooms for parties, and Birthday treats. They also discussed a Walk/Jog/Bike event after school in May. They talked about some of the ideas like calling it “Tour de Cat”, having different stations where participants can get a stamp, have different community members help with food, donations, etc.. One suggestion was given to have bike week lead up to the event on Friday. They will come up with some questions to gauge interest and send it out in a survey.

Birthday Books – Very successful.

Book Club – Going well, still meeting.

Chess – Meeting every Tuesday.

Community Service – Meals that Matter happens next week. Each grade is assigned an item to bring, but you can bring anything. Cares & Shares will be in December and it is a night where families can come in and do kid-friendly activities for the community.

Great Books – Should start shortly.

Lego Robotics – Off and running.

Nature Center – Aaron Jess is looking for parents who are interested in cleaning up the nature center corner.

Newsletter – Submissions due 15th of each month.

Odyssey of the Mind – Over 60 kids are interested so they had to form more teams than last year.

Spirit Wear – made over \$500 this year so far.

Yearbook – Please turn in pictures that you have on a cd or flash drive to the box in the office.

Speaker Series – Next month will be reading workshop that will lead into the Book Fair.

April Bingo – Needs a leader. If interested contact Ann or Rebecca Creech.

New Business

Parking Spot Raffle – Since we did not have a silent auction at November Bingo because it was cancelled, the Board decided to raffle off the VIP parking spot at this PTA Meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Speaker Series

Nancy Evans, RN from Open Pathways presented “Transforming Learning Difficulties into Love of Learning”

Stress has a tremendous effect on the brain and body. The good news is there are simple things you can do to create more balance and peace for you and your family. You will learn how stress impacts learning and brain function; including emotions, memory and mental clarity, and how you can reduce some of these negative effects with simple techniques you can do at home. These techniques will be very helpful to do with your children if they are having difficulty focusing on homework or just need to calm down.