

Werner Elementary School
5400 Mail Creek Lane
Fort Collins CO 80525

Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

October 11, 2011

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Vice President of Events and Fundraising Rebecca Creech at 6:25 pm.

Welcome Rebecca Creech welcomed everyone and went over some upcoming events.

- Expanded Enrichment began this week. There are currently 215 students enrolled. The volleyball class had a visit from two CSU volleyball players and they donated a net to the school.
- Oct 14 Coffee Talk with Mr. Hayden Camp at 9 am
- Oct 14 Family Movie Night "How To Train Your Dragon" in Gym 6 pm
- Oct 18 Werner Family Night Out- Matador Mexican Grill – All Day 9 am- 9 pm
- Oct 31 Halloween parties
- November 8 PTA Meeting and Speaker Series
- November 16 Werner Family Night Out- Serious Texas BBQ 5-9 pm
- Middle of November Meals that Matter
- Dec 5-9 Scholastic Book Fair
- Dec 8 Cares and Shares

Rebecca introduced the board members.

Approval of Minutes *It was moved by Ann Zollman that the minutes of the September 2011 meeting were approved. Kristen Stephens-Mivshek seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Minutes are approved.*

Treasurer's Report Beginning Balance \$18,431
Income - \$26,345
Expenses – \$4,895
Ending balance – \$39,882.41

Income:
Entertainment Books - \$10,400 – before expenses and cost of book – will have better number next month.
Directory Sales made \$753
Fall Festival – waiting for final number
Noodles Family Night - \$327.50

Expenses:
Final expenses for Fall Festival and Entertainment books need to be settled.

Principal's Report **Coffee Talk** - Next Coffee Talk is this Friday, October 14th, 9:00 am.

Technology Update – The Mill Bond helped with staffing. We have 8 interactive smart boards in 2nd and 5th grade. 100 Netbooks for 5th grade. Teachers are going through the technology training now. In the next few years every classroom will have smart boards. Last year with \$12,000 the PTA gave school has upgraded more furniture and technology.

Other items:

- School Improvement Plan – seeing where we want to be in the coming years.
- Shared Learning Targets – what do we want our students to know, and how do they know when they have reached that target.
- Space is an issue – hoping to get a modular next year
- Currently at 566 students – 37 over projections

Old Business

Committee Updates

- **Birthday Books-** Denice Froiland and her team have sent out a flyer in Fri Folders. New this year, there is only two Birthday Book order periods. Deadline to order books for all deliveries through Jan 2012 is Oct 14.
- **Coupon Books-** Ann Zollman – wrapped up this fundraiser, sold 418 books which will allow \$180 for teacher grants.
- **Directory-** You should have received your directory last week. Extras available in the office.
- **Fall Festival-** Julie Grillo and Wanda Molinary- update on new totals
- **Family Night Out-** Jenny Whetsell update on Noodles and Co (\$327.50), Matador in October, and Serious Texas BBQ in November. If you have any other ideas where to go, let Jenny know.
- **King Sooper's-** Ann Zollman- update on sales
- **Membership-** Lori Everhart reported that we have 105 members. Membership cards will be available with your volunteer name badges shortly.
- **Newsletter-** Deadline for next months E-Newsletter is Oct 15th to Kathy Mason
- **Spirit Sales-** Kristin Stephens Mivshek reported that we made \$520.50 for the first order. Will do another order in December and one towards the end of the year.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week-** Still needing a team to celebrate our teacher's in May
- **Yearbook** – Elise Branson is chair of the yearbook committee. This year there is an option of having custom pages for each student – feedback is appreciated on whether custom pages are wanted. Parents are encouraged to take pictures at field trips, enrichment classes, and parties. Put on a disk and put in the box in the office.

New Business

Bingo- Cancelled for Nov 4th, looking for a team of 4 to make April 6th Bingo happen. Talk to me after the meeting if you're interested in helping or would like to be a part of this event.

Richie's Car Wash- Ann Zollman explained new easy fundraiser at Richie's. Everytime you purchase a works wash or a book \$3 goes back to the school.

Adjournment

Tiffany Haag moved adjourn the meeting. Renee Cohn Jones seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Speaker Series

Kent Fahrenbruck, Director of Character First presented "Could You Recognize Good Character If You Saw It?"

Building a "Culture of Character" in our families is a lot of work. Often we spend too much time on correction and overlook the positive character demonstrated in our families. This session will reinforce the importance of looking for good character and praising each other when we see it in action.

Character First is a professional development and character education program that is delivered many ways through training seminars, books, magazines, curriculum and e-mail. The focus on real life issues at work, school, home and the community.

About the Speaker:

Kent Fahrenbruck is the National Education Director and Rocky Mountain Regional Director for Character First, a non-profit organization located in Edmond, Oklahoma. Kent has conducted business, school, family and government training for over the past 14 years in the U.S. and Internationally. After working with US West Communications for 24 years in Colorado, he joined the Character Training Institute in Edmond, OK.