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December 7, 2010
PTA Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:41 p.m., Mary Beth Pickett called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve October, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded, membership approved.

Budget clarification: Short-term educational = \$6,000 and is divided per trimester into \$3,000, \$1,500, \$1,500.

Junior Great Books Program: need someone to take the lead.

Question: Is there any money for training teachers? Or individual training/professional development?: No. The PTA decided not to fund such requests. Requests need to go through the principal.

Question? In the budget, what does Grants and Prof. Services mean?: need a definition. (see below)

Principal's Report: Andrew Blackman thanked the PTA & Ways and Means committee process for the items PTA provides to Devinny. He will mention this in the Friday newsletter.

Volunteers: group needs to be expanded; how can they get involved? Need to put out more info. about places where people can volunteer and how they can sign up. Help Wanted!

Health & Safety Committee: crossing guards; rec'd. 3 applications. They need to take a test and we assume there is a waiver of liability.

Early release: Wed., Dec. 8. Staff will be working on the "Unified Improvement Plan," (meeting student's needs)

Accountability and Ways and Means: Allan Gallamore explained funding of:

Short-term educational—funds education specific activities in the classrooms, \$6K/yr.

Short-term environmental—1-year cut-off implementation, <\$3K/yr.

Middle-term environmental—takes more planning, time, and \$\$\$; e.g. water fountains
(note that environmental means of the school itself)

Money is a percentage of funds rolled over from previous year.

Grants and Professional Svcs: e.g. curtains for gymnasium: needed to hire svcs. such as an architect. E.g. hiring a grant writer.

Smarter Kids, Better Community Roger said:

Starts Feb. 5. 3 weeks.

Working on corporate sponsors and prizes.

Examples of community projects for kids to complete:

Post Office food drive—6th grade, through Jeffco Action Center.
Park projects—the parks weren't dirty enough!!!
Need suggestions—email Roger/Ingrid
Mary Beth said we need to coordinate with teachers for a better date.

What can we do to benefit kids?

Jefferson Foundation—collect backpacks and stuff for other kids.
Or, for example, 425 lb. of food was collected by the Deviny Boy Scout pack

Legislative: Mike Sullivan reported: Good news/Bad news

The legislative forum has dissolved, BUT! A new organization is coming together (teachers, administrators, PTA) The school board will no longer be involved. First meeting, Dec. 20th. They will discuss goals for the upcoming legislative session. One upcoming goal: stop unfunded mandates, especially as they apply to administrators. Another: Accountability, SB 191 and how it's implemented. We don't want all accountability to be placed on the teachers because it is an unfair burden.

Old business:

Reflections—121 entries, 33 went on to the county competition; 3 rec'd. the award for excellence and went on to state.

Positive Behavior Support—5th & 6th graders, need a "big kid" reward. We need line item for iTunes \$5 gift cards; 1 per week = \$150/yr. Ways and Means put it into "Short-term environmental" and it must be approved by PTA members.
Vote: Mary Beth motion; Roger 2nd; no opposed. It passed.

New business:

Accountability of volunteers.

How do volunteers want to be contacted?

We need to go beyond "Tickets for Time." (needs to be renamed)

Print Tft paperwork for K & 1st Grade only?

Sign-ups at Registration!!!

Need a "Back to School" committee.

Need a "Volunteer" committee.

Refreshments?

Need to keep track of volunteer hours. Data could be used for grants? Committee chairs could keep track with computers?

PTA – new ideas...

Daddy/daughter dance? Too restrictive. Child/parent dance? \$5 per couple; D.J.

Valentine's party? Wii bowling night?

Dec. 17—holiday parties

Jan. 11—next meeting

Angie Wagner said "thank you" for the funding for new library books.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Lisa Rukstales, Secretary 12/8/10