



**Devinny Elementary PTA**  
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PTA Meeting  
March 2, 2010

Call to Order: Skip Dorsey called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

PIE Presentation: Ashley Goodwin and Katrina Brunette shared information about City of Lakewood Spring Break and Summer programs. The Foothills recreation program offers the Before (6:45am – 9:15am) and After (3:45pm – 6:00pm) School care at Devinny. Not only will a Spring Break camp be available March 29th – April 5th, Foothills will be offering a Summer camp at Devinny which will include a field trip day (Rockies game, Dinosaur Ridge, Botanic Gardens, etc), 2 swimming days, 1 wheels day (bikes, skateboards, etc.) and a special activity day each week. Registration for Summer camp will begin March 24th for existing families and April 10th for new families. For more information go to [www.ifoohills.org](http://www.ifoohills.org).

Approval of Minutes: Tina Larkins motioned to approve the February 2, 2010 minutes. Angie Wagner seconded and the membership approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Soulliere reported current balance at \$27,800.00. Smarter Kids, Better Community donations have already been received online.

Smarter Kids, Better Community: Roger Cohen - Kick off via television circuit. Jeffco Action Center is thrilled about this program and look forward to 5th and 6th graders volunteering in May. Check or credit card donation is best receipt for IRS, new receipts will be sent home that will be acceptable for IRS purposes.

Legislative Committee: Mike Sullivan presented whats happening in the 2010 session with 54 bills, 3 were signed. Colorado PTA opposes:

- Proposition #101- Motor Vehicle, Income and Telecommunication Taxes & Fees – significant lost revenue (\$1.7 billion) to Colorado if passes
- Amendment #60- Property Taxes
- Amendment #61- State and Local Debt Limitations

Ways and Means Committee: Allen Gallamore

Short term Educational OPF request:

- 3 requests received for 3rd trimester, 2 carried over from 2nd trimester
- Funds available \$1,137.42, total requests \$2,044.00 – 2 requests unfunded

- \$286.02 funded for 3rd grade GT – “Classroom Library” (3 sets of 18 books, classic titles).
- \$669.00 for Staff library materials on student conferences (reading, math, etc.)
- \$182.40 to partially fund operating supplies for Travelling Instructor program – Arts remainder of costs, \$516.60, will be covered by Devinny Elementary.

Short term Environmental OPF projects:

- Budgeted - \$4,501.51
- 2 Cafeteria tables approved 2nd trimester - \$2,600.00
- 3rd trimester proposals – additional wireless microphone for Gymnasium/Auditorium - \$450.00, needs membership approval
- One request for bookshelf in 3rd grade GT for classroom library – request on hold pending additional cost estimates and alternate options for storage

Medium OPF goals – still working on researching past suggested goals.

Ways and Means committee, currently 6 members (including Mr. Elliott), will be losing 4 members for the 2010/11 school year. New members are needed!

Magaret Herzog motioned to approve wireless microphone for Gymnasium/Auditorium. Motion seconded. Membership approved.

Technology Committee: Angie Wagner reported the success of the Jose Oshea’s Devinny dining night. Numbers aren’t in yet, however, there was a good turn out and 20% comes back to the school. Al Visconti will be the new webmaster for the Devinny PTA website. Lisa Garcia volunteered for social networking – Facebook and Twitter.

Principal’s Report: Terry Elliott

- Smarter Kids, Better Community – kick off, unique start
- Spelling Bee – 1st place in the area
- CSAP – 3rd, 4th, 6th – Reading/Math, 5th grade adds Science – Science testing done in 5th, 8th and 10th grade
- Report cards come home Friday, March 5th
- District budget process – reducing budget by \$16 million assuming no compensation adjustment of \$11 million
- Effects teacher workload, increases classroom size. Jeffco is \$1,400.00per student lower than the national average. Visit Jeffco webpage for cuts
- Choice enrollment – received 140 applications – turned away 70
- Security is a primary concern – drills will be conducted and staff will be vigilant in checking i.d. of unfamiliar people

Old Business:

Nominations for officer positions available for 2010/11 school year, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Kim Soulliere nominated Mary Reagans for Treasurer. Mary Beth Pickett is willing to be President if there she has a Co-President. Open committee positions available for 2010/11 school year. Volunteers needed! Skip and Jeff have volunteered to continue to DJ for the Sock Hop.

- Camp Inventions – June 7-11 at Deviny. Registrations prior to March 31 discounted. Contact Vonna Shuster for more information.

New Business:

- Budget discussion for April meeting.
- Angie Wagner – Race to Read program – Begins March 20 – Volunteers needed to prebag prizes and computer entry

Announcements:

- Report cards – March 5th
- Spring Break – March 29th – April 5th
- Day Without Hate – April 30th
- Spring Carnival – May 7th
- Next PTA meeting – Tuesday, April 6th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

Sally Garcia, Secretary Date: 03/02/10