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PTA Meeting
May 4, 2010

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

PIE Presentation: Angie Wagner discussed extending learning through the summer. A list of book recommendations was provided for K-6 grades for summer reading. Encouraged parents to find learning opportunities for your kids by using different resources – library, websites for interactive reading, writing, math and science (ask questions when outdoors and make observations etc.), and write letters.

Approval of minutes: Amy Visconti motion to approve April 6, 2010 minutes, Ingrid Cohen 2nd the motion, membership approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Soulliere advised that the current balance is \$38,601.00 (see attached). Income from "Smarter Kids, Better Community" was \$15,000.00. Box tops income was \$754.00 and Cartridge for Kids income was \$150.00. Moms and Muffins expenses were at \$380.00

Smarter Kids, Better Community/Spring Carnival: Ingrid Cohen reported the Carnival will be May 7, 2010 5-8pm with a back up date of May 21 if weather does not cooperate. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 (for big ticket items – 4 Rockies tickets, autographed basketball by Birdman, 6 Ipod shuffles) and 25 cents for all other donated items.

Banners for Spring Carnival were donated by Alpha Graphics.

Legislative Committee: Mike Sullivan discussed House Bill 1131 Colorado Kids grant concerning environmental education. De-taborize education – PTA supports but there is no chance of this passing.

SB191 – PTA is against this bill having to do with Principal and Teacher effectiveness.

Ways and Means Committee: No report

Technology Committee: No report

Principal's Report: Terry Elliott

- Preview new Deviny Website
- PIE will change to the Accountability committee
- Teachers and classrooms for 2010/11 will be:
 - Kindergarten – Bender, Stevens, Eppard
 - 1st grade – Donnell (GT), Lively, Morgan, Schuster
 - 2nd grade – Peachy, Snow (GT + 5 non-GT center students), Tennyson
 - 3rd grade – Gilmore, Prosser, Sweitzer, Osborne (3/4 GT)
 - 4th grade – Ash, Fernald, Koury
 - 5th grade – Anhold, Watson & Akers (job share), Grimes (5/6 GT)
 - 6th grade – Augustin, Sammons, Vader

Question posed for how do parents get involved or have a voice in budget cuts and teacher/student ratio? Some options are to be involved at the State level funding (legislature), District level – school board, and PTA helps fill in some of the funding gaps by providing specials programs, books, etc.

Choice enrollment – Still considers sibling priority and kids within neighborhood boundaries are 100 percent guaranteed enrollment.

Colorado school funding is \$1,500.00 per child lower than nation average. Schools need to make the most of the resources available. PTA can help make a difference. Teacher Aides was suggested as classroom sizes get larger.

Old Business:

- Introduction of new board members:
 - Mary Beth Pickett, President
 - Sally Garcia, Vice- President
 - Mary Ragins, Treasurer
 - Lisa Ruckstales, Secretary
- New committees – Health and Safety , Knightly News – chair positions open
- Review and approval of Budget for 2010-11 school year
 - o Goals funding was proposed to allot 50% to Mid term, 30% to Short term Environmental and Educational, and allot 20 % to add a Technology fund.
 - o Tina Larkins motioned to approve budget for 2010-11 school year, Mary Ragins seconded, motion approved.

- A suggestion was made to move “Smarter Kids, Better Community” start date to earlier in the year.
- Race to Read was a success with a total for the school of 6472 hours of reading! 117 students completed all 4 sheets. Race to Read will be alternated every other year with the Outlaws reading program.

New Business:

-Stage improvements went over budget by \$463.51. Request to pull funds from Short term environmental fund.

Ingrid Cohen motioned to approve payment to school out of short term environmental fund, motion 2nd by Tina Larkins, membership approved.