



Devinny Elementary PTA
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PTA Meeting
February 2, 2010

Call to Order: Jeff Larkins, 6:30pm

PIE Presentation: GMHS Student Council presents a “Day without Hate”, April 30, 2010. Goal is to unite our schools and the community by supporting non-violence and prevent future acts of violence from occurring. April 30th will be the “Day without Hate” rally with an entrance fee of \$5 white t-shirt and great local bands. This day will be synchronized with all Jeffco schools to promote peace.

Vonna Schuster - Camp Inventions will be hosted by Devinny this summer. This non-profit program is sponsored by the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Promotes creative, innovative, higher level thinking and teamwork. Camp will be held June 7-11, 8:30am to 3:00pm with a tuition of \$210.00. Contact Mrs. Schuster for more information.

A motion to approve January 12, 2010 minutes was set forth by Ingrid Cohen, seconded by Kim Soulliere. Membership approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Kim Soulliere reported balance of \$27,706.00. A couple thousand was taken out to buy the cafeteria tables approved last month. Second box top contest recently began, so keep collecting box tops. Also, remember to bring in cartridges to recycle.

Jeff Larkins mentioned that Kim will be looking for a replacement, as will Presidents, Vice Presidents and Secretary.

Margaret Herzog reports that the Devinny PTA website is complete and are looking for a webmaster.

Legislative Committee: Mike Sullivan presented PowerPoint.

According to Colorado PTA, there are 28 bills affecting education. PTA took a stand on 5 bills.

SB – 005 – PTA supports – Continuity of services in Kindergarten. CDE authorized to distribute moneys to districts to provide for Kindergarten students who are transitioning from Colorado.

SB – 050 – PTA monitoring – Contract renewal for K-12 teachers – longer probationary time. Every 5 years, based on satisfactory evaluation recurring contract.

SB – 107 – Schools' use of American Indian mascots – conditionally supporting PTA if amendments are made.

HB – 1026 – Grant program – quality in Child Care Incentive Grant Program, hire more day care providers with BS or Associates degrees.

HB – 1028- PTA supports - Early Childhood Universal Application – single application – good for all state agencies

HB – 1030 – Early childhood teacher scholarships – Associates degrees for those continuing in early childhood education for 2 years.

HB – 1035 – PTA supports – CCAP Eligibility period

Technology Committee: Margaret Herzog presents online payment system and homepage announcement for Smarter Kids. Ms. Sensor wants this on the Devinny website, along with the PTA website. Contribute by teacher, then asked for student's name at end.

Principal's Report: Terry Elliot presented –

- Devinny will remain a K-6, GT center program for next year. Committed to address concern of over capacity with respect to the existing community and plans for reducing enrollment.
- State budget issues will continue, every district effected, Jeffco budget cut is larger than some Colorado districts' total budget
- Mr. Elliott willing to kiss a pig to have whatever needed going forward
- Spelling Bee starts February 3rd – articulation 2 weeks from Friday, February 19, 2pm
- CSAP for 3rd grade coming up this month
- Parent Nutrition Night February 23rd – Knight School – next year will be on a monthly basis. Program will be how diet and nutrition impact brain development and ability to stay focused.
- No school February 12-15, Presidents holiday. Teachers work on Friday.

Smarter Kids/Better Community: Ingrid Cohen updated.

- Lisa Rukstales passed around completed logo
- Met with teachers and they have come up with a wide variety of community service ideas – Bear Creek Lake, Jeffco Action Center, 3 park cleanups
- Service projects will take place in April and May
- Spring Carnival, May 7th – volunteers needed

Books for classroom libraries successful and donations are still being accepted.

New business: Jeff Larkins

- Committee chair positions – most are available for next year, great to list details of each position on website
- Nominations for 4 officer positions will be in March – help needed
- Moms and Muffins – Miles taking over
- Events like Sock Hop – occur once and then done for the year
- Teacher appreciation – opportunity to shadow during this years Teacher appreciation week to learn the ropes
- Webmaster needed – Al Visconti may be willing to help
- Hospitality – Lisa Colbern and another volunteer in place
- Science Fair –new calendar– Amy Motts actually may have someone shadowing her

Announcements:

- Valentines Party February 11 – 2:45pm
- No school February 12 -15
- February 26 end of second trimester

Minutes recorded by Margaret Herzog.

Submitted by Sally Garcia, Secretary Date: 02/21/10