



Meeting Notes September 13, 2023

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Attendees: Nikki Parrish, Lisa Lajimodiere, Sara Porter, Megan Anderson, Staci Aoyagi, Christina Lundblad (Teacher liaison), Nita Baumann (Teacher liaison), Ellie Bergmann, Sarah Clapp, Michelle Murray, Courtney Smith, Jenna Haymaker, Sarah Marwitz, Adie Tate, Lara Hussain, Sakari Graves, Matt McGruder, Ashley Kernstock, Nicole Potsane, Shauna Davis, Anna Lane, Cynde Hennegan, Katie Asher, Alex Foster, Suzi Williams, Katie Wiktor, Jason Sanders.

Online Attendees: Brandon Garner, Kentessa Rodriguez, Jamie Salturelli, Karen Morris, Taylor Norvell, Dr. Yahdi, Emily Samsid-Deen

Principal Jason Sanders said Hello. Appreciates our active PTA. 😊

On-Going Business:

School Crossing Guards: Katie Wiktor said we need more people to apply. We can offer three paid positions/week. The job description will appear in Thursday Notes on 9/14.

Kindergarten playground. “The sandbox is more like a litter box.” - Nita Baumann. A committee will be formed to address what needs to happen to make the playground safer, more aesthetic and more engaging for our kinder students.

2023-24 Budget Proposal: Ashley Kernstock can help with reimbursements and answer any budget questions. Copies were passed out to the attendees.

Third Party Fundraisers: Rachel Rosenberg and Katie Asher reminded us that Anthony’s Pizza will hold a month-long Eat-and-Give event in October.

Bike Bus: On the next date, 10/4 Sweet Cow will give back 40%. And DPS will provide a “special celebrity guest” on the cross walk the same day.

Book It Bobcats: Lara Hussain reported we had 400 readers registered this year. They held a fun summer event for the book exchange. A reminder to fill out the hours (online, preferably) will

be emailed to parents. Looking for volunteers for the celebration event on 9/21. Sign up will go out also with Thursday notes. Donations are approx. \$6000 so far. Super Readers (who read 100+ hours) will get a donut breakfast and will receive awards.

Auction: Adie Tate provided an update for Wendy Largey who was unable to attend. The event will be from 6-10:30 at Davita Headquarters. Live auction begins at 8. There will be an option to attend online as well. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and alcoholic beverages will be served. Anyone know a licensed beer distributor? We are looking for 10 cases. Tickets will be in Thursday Notes on 9/14. Tickets are \$50 apiece or \$100 a couple. There will be a lottery ticket wall. \$5 for a random ticket. Looking for a \$300 donor (business). Looking for a bar sponsor for \$1200. We already have a champagne sponsor and the DJ. Teacher spouses can get a \$25 ticket. Looking for more teacher experiences. Looking for set up and take down/ clean up volunteers as well as people to assist with auction check-in. Also looking for helpers during the auction for tasks such as passing out champagne and helping at the lottery ticket wall, etc.

Due to the tight turn around, class art for the Kinder-2nd graders will not be mandatory.

Looking for Buy-a-Ticket party hosts, especially for adult-oriented events such as a Super Bowl party, Mardi Gras party, etc. Events can be held anytime up until the end of the school year.

Room parents are in the process of sending out class basket information to the parents this week. We discussed the need to include a pick up fee for baskets because many winners left behind their baskets last year. Or can we get a basket valet?

A sneak peak at prizes include: private party at the Stanley Beer Hall and spend a day with the Denver Mayor. Committee is looking for ski house or lift tickets. Also looking for sports tickets i.e. Broncos, Avs, Nuggets, CU Boulder, etc.

Budget Review- Ashley Kernstock directed the committees to see if they have enough funds in the budget for the year. The garden committee wanted to add \$250 which will be covered by the auction. The DEI Committee wants to add \$500 and carnival will be added to cover the DEI request. PTA voted and the budget was approved.

Additional Ongoing/Future Events:

Fun Run: This event is 11/4. Alex Foster reported that they have their permit. They are looking to see if we can do art-teacher assisted shirt design for next year. Suzi is working on getting a food truck. What about pre-selling food that can be picked up at or after the event? We can look into breakfast burritos from the food truck at the Farmer's Market or a local restaurant.

DEI: Per Emily Shamsid-Dean, there will be a Community "Friendsgiving" Potluck in the cafeteria date TBD but most likely 11/14 or 11/15. The next DEI meeting is Wednesday 9/20, anyone is welcome to attend.

Middle Support School Update: There are plans for a chili cook off to coincide with the Bobcat football game. On 9/19 students are encouraged to cheer on the soccer team for a Golden Ticket. What about doing a dress down day?

Game of Tiaras- Cast list went out on 9/13. Was double casted to avoid doing many (over 40) cuts. There will be performances on 11/30, 12/1 and two Saturday performances On 12/2. The

plot is King Lear meets Disney Princesses (with comedic deaths). Kate Chimewnti and Alex Foster said there will be printed programs and tickets and there will be a need for help with set up.

Talent Shows- Grades 3-5 on 9/27 and Middle School on 10/4. Need holiday lights to be lended or donated.

Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Update: Adie Tate reported we have extra kids so "extra" money. It is not really extra because we have additional students to compensate for. Most elementary classrooms have 26 students. Middle School classes are over 30 students. Do we need extra teachers to cover extra enrolled students? Need to clean up some contract teacher funds. Looking to fill a full-time in-school substitute teacher position. Play Works to provide safety and coaching for recess. Can provide mentoring for middle school students who want to help. The CSC committee meets the second Tuesday of the month in the library if anyone wants to attend these meetings, all are welcome.

Spiritwear Update: Unfortunately there have been lots of problems with our current vendor. We are vetting a fresh new vendor.

Staff Appreciation: Protein snacks are next. We will have desserts and wine in November. Looking for help with a parent with a younger student. Email Sarah Bartles. Can we reach out to K-2 Room Parents to help facilitate?

Spring Carnival: A date has been set: 5/10. We will hold it on a Friday again because of last year's successful event.

Good news: Food Pantry is full.

Online Giving Day will be in March.

Original Works comes out Nov 8. (Makes products such as coffee mugs with kids art).

Looking for playground and lunchroom volunteers. More info coming soon.

Additional upcoming events:

9/28 Mr. B's Wine and Spirit Tasting Fundraiser

9/30 Garden Clean Up

9/30 Bill Roberts Night at the Rapids

10/4 Middle School Support meeting

10/10 CSC Meeting

10/11 PTA Meeting

Upcoming PTA Meetings:

We generally meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the school library.

10/11, 11/8, 12/13, 01/10, 02/14, 03/13, 04/10, 05/08.