

PTO Meeting 3/16/22 at 9am in the Centennial Library

In Attendance Beth Wilberger, Michelle Hessler, Georgia Babatsikos, Darcie Canalas, Jayme Zervitz, Delphine Del'Era, Julie Lockwood, Liz Tucker, Jason Giguere

Dance Wrap-up:

Only positive feedback was received

Nothing seemed scary from Liz/Weston

Made back all of the pizza money, plus

DJ & Photo Booth both were great

Kids Love Soda

No bubble water next year

Set up the food area differently so it's not too crowded

Turn-out was about 300, more than half the kids came from the school

All the kids were checked in by school staff

A few kids from other schools tried to come, but they got turned away at the door

Kids said on Monday, "Thought it was going to be lame but it was actually really fun"

A lot of moshing, screaming at the top of their lungs

A couple small issues, but nothing big

Liz appreciates, trusts the kids from the school and all the parents/staff were a big help

We will do it again next year

Starting a new dance tradition

There was some feedback for the DJ to motivate the kids at first, but it also all worked out towards the end and everyone got involved and had fun, just a bit slower start since they are middle schoolers and didn't quite know what to do at their first dance

Something to be doing fun in school, not work

Teachers were dancing

Treasurer Update—February

\$15,500 in account

\$3000 in the savings

\$12,500 in the business account

Difference of \$500 from January to February

\$150 donation from Benevity

\$130 amazon & king Cooper

\$600 was spent on dance/decoration/photobooth

\$1,100 was total in Dance, DJ will be deducted in March

\$200 for teacher snacks

PEN Event

April 3rd

Rescheduled event that was originally on January 26th. Ashley Chandler, same speaker, talks about how to handle and deal with middle schoolers. Please spread the word to friends.

Email Julie Lockwood to RSVP/Register to attend the event. The event will continue to be mentioned in the Cyclones newsletter in addition to sending out a separate email to the parent directory.

FET Update

Debbie Valet, Spanish speaker and teacher gave presentation about the importance of sleep. How the teenage brain needs a good solid sleep schedule. Working with kids to limit their screen time, especially before bed.

Dr. Bianca Gallegos, coming to speak at next FET meeting in April. Talking about her experience growing up in Boulder. She was the principal of Columbine Elementary and is now the Assistant Principal and BVSD CTE Assistant Director/Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships of Boulder Valley School District.

Latinos in action group
Going on a field trip to CU Boulder next week.

Will have a SAC meeting in April

Liz Update:

Bringing back field trips. 7th grade just went to the Nature & Science Museum in early March.

Choir & Theater going to Boulder High Production of Mary Poppins

Orchestra & Band going to Grand Junction in April

CMAS Testing April 10, 11, 12 (day after Easter)

Packing it into 3 days

Want to get it over with instead of stretching it out

Will give more time for make-ups if kid is sick

Happy to share the schedule if need be for what the kids will be doing at school

The kids will be getting 2-3 classes of that week but shorter

Want to work with the PTO about snacks

Working on 8th grade continuation for student feedback, kids do want to go to Elks, but will make some tweaks to what happened last year. Ceremony first then after a small event for families with lunch at school outside of small gym then kids and families eventually go to Elks. Games & activities will be at the Elks, no ins/outs. Lots of lessons were learned that will be addressed for this year. This will happen the last day of school.

No Plan B yet if weather is bad, but will figure that out soon. Nothing has been decided for 6/7th grade last day of school but would love to chat with Darcie & Jayme to set that plan in motion. Some of the 8th grade feedback was walk to Lucky's. Someone put down a sleepover as well.

Jason from counseling joined the meeting. This is a busy time of year with getting the 5th grade course requests and transition of 8th graders going to high school. Had to also gather requests from 6/7th graders as well. Need to see how everything matches up over the next couple weeks. We are in a good spot with numbers, growing from 570 to 620.

Good place to be going into next year. Centennial is the bigger enrollment school in Boulder. Geographically we are lucky things are building in North boulder and people wanting to come to this school. Coming out of COVID, trying to get back to normal even though some students and staff still wear masks.

The incoming 6th grader night is Wednesday May 10th at 5pm.

Mark DeBord is coming to speak about saving for college on April 13th, in person & virtual options at 6:30pm. Very informative, was here 5 years ago, not sales pitchy at all. He would like to discuss how to do that now to plan ahead. He's very knowledgeable about 529's, how to move things around with your current financial situation. He lives in Fort Collins but has done this all over Boulder Valley.

Delphine asked why our enrollment is increasing. A lot of open enrollment especially from Foothill/Uni Hill & Columbine elementary schools all increased. There is no cap yet on numbers and how many we can allow at the moment. Numbers do tend to balance out with people moving, switching schools in the summer.

Katie Miles, teacher of Language Arts for 8th graders stopped by to say hello and say how appreciative she is of the PTO. Ready for spring break, feels late this year. The top 22 8th grade winners recently went to Pearl Street, had to write a book review, evaluated each others work for personal appeals. The RTD bus drivers commented how amazing the students were behaving.

The question was asked how it has been with substitutes lately? Katie said she hasn't dealt with any issues since her student teacher is also a licensed substitute. Centennial also has a good group of subs that are regulars. Liz said behaviors are getting better and to give advice for them to reach out to the office staff if they need help. Teachers are aware if regular teachers are out. They can stop in and check on the sub. Liz said she is having to really teach kids how to do school, behave, engage in the work, push through when having a hard time. One day at a time is Liz's motto for the year.

Darcie can jump in and run the April meeting since Beth will be chaperoning the 8th Grade Orchestra/Band field trip.

Nobody yet for President next year, but confident we can find someone to step in and help.

Next PTO meeting is April 20th at 9am in the Library, All are Welcome.