

Niwot Elementary Parent Teacher Advisory Council Minutes September 26, 2013

[Slide Show for September PTAC Meeting](#) This is the slideshow that was shared during the PTAC meeting and is referred to throughout the minutes.

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Sondra Leidesdorff with 27 members present. An introduction of the PTAC Board was given.

Motion: Approve Anne Jentz for the office of Communications for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion approved.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were approved as posted.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Presented by Lisa Granat, Grass Roots St. Vrain

Lisa gave a short history of Grass Roots St. Vrain. She then shared a video about the funding of schools in Colorado. Colorado is unique as the voters determine funding. Introduced Debbie Lammers from the SVVSD Board of Education.

Amendment 66

- Will be on the ballot this November
- A statewide initiative
- Would be a tax increase (in 2 tiers depending on income)
- Would restore the tax rate back to the rate it was in the 90s (for one of the tiers)
- Colorado is in the bottom 10 of state funding for education in the nation
- There are more students in Colorado now but funding has not increased
- If passed, would provide about \$25 million for St. Vrain

Q: What help do you need to get the word out?

A: You can go to the Grass Roots St. Vrain website to find out about volunteer opportunities

www.grassrootsstvrain.org

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Presented by Nancy Pitz

Touched on issues that have been brought up to her:

Flood Victims

- Community really stepped up - thank you!
- Effect on School Calendar: not sure yet what will be done about the days missed, there are conversations happening at the state level because 33 school districts were impacted by the flood; Will let us know as soon as she knows something

Save the Date

- November 14, 6:00, PTAC meeting will include the Parent Update given by the Principal, basically a big picture of Niwot Elementary

Class Size

- FTE (Full Time Employee): Student enrollment is predicted in the Spring for the following school year (FTE is based on this number); they predicted we would be at 457 and we are at 468 (502 with preschool)
- Since we are close to what the district predicted we will not receive any more FTE for another teacher (may be able to fund paras a little more)
- Class sizes:
 - K - 24
 - 1st - 24
 - 2nd - 27
 - 3rd - 26
 - 4th - 26
 - 5th - 30
- We are fortunate our PTAC is able to fund our paras: 3 hour para at each grade level (1st-5th) is funded through Round-Up; FTE from the school gave additional paras to 2nd and 5th (due to class sizes) for a total of 4 hours
- October count for the state is going on now; the state bases the amount of funding districts get on this number

Technology

- Over the years our school has received so much technology (from PTAC primarily), this year we are focusing on Professional Development to train teachers in using that technology in the classroom
- At our next late start we will be having two people from the district coming to work with the staff on how to use technology to meet our standards

TEACHER'S REPORT: Presented by Jenna Olschlager

Music

I have a student teacher this fall from August to mid October. Mr. Rose is a student at CSU, and will be teaching middle school band from October –December. I'm excited for him to share drumming since he is a percussionist at CSU.

Choir will begin on Wednesday, January 8th. It will run for one hour after school, and a concert will be held in mid March. Information & sign up forms will go home in December. 3rd-5th graders are eligible. We hope to sing at a Rockies game again for the next Rockies season.

Concert Dates:

3rd Grade: Thursday, November 21st, 6:00 p.m.

4th Grade: Thursday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Cougar Choir: TBA

2nd Grade: Thursday, February 13th, 6:00 p.m.

5th Grade: Thursday, February 13th, 7:00 p.m.

1st Grade: Thursday, March 6th, 6:00 p.m.

4th Grade

4th grade would like to express our thanks for all the resources provided! We are using the paraprofessional support provided to daily small group support for learners in reading, writing, and math. And we're very excited to take advantage of the new Late Start Science enrichment! It's shaping up to be a wonderful year!

5th Grade

AVID 4 – thank you for your support of the P.E. program

Dates:

PT Conferences – October 8, 10, 16

Tech Team

The tech team is planning a big training session for the Oct. late start morning. Thank you for all the contributions to make this happen. We are excited to help the students.

Student Council

Student Council is up and running this year with Mrs. Horne as the teacher leader again.

Our theme is supporting our community.

We'd be happy to help the PTAC if you need help from the kids.

The kids are very interested in producing a magazine and sponsoring some fun days.

We also plan to continue with Milk Caps for Moola, the fundraising opportunity sponsored by Longmont Dairy. Last year we donated over \$100 to the PE program at our school. Thank you for saving your Longmont Dairy bottle caps!

Spelling Bee

We are very excited to announce Niwot Elementary's Fifth Annual Spelling Bee. We will be conducting written tests on October 28, 29 and 30 for our 3rd - 5th graders to determine our 10 Finalists. On December 4th (Late Start) at 1:45 p.m. our 10 Spelling Bee Finalists will compete for the honor of representing Niwot Elementary at the Barnes & Noble Regional Spelling Bee in February, 2014. The winner of the Regional Spelling Bee will advance to the Scripps National Spelling in Washington D.C. We are looking forward to a big turnout this awesome Niwot Elementary event.

Spelling Bee Committee:

Jenna Olschlager, Sarah Rogers, and Julie Breyer

Art

Original Works needs more volunteers. We missed a week of school, so a lot of projects aren't finished yet. I've noticed Anna is spending lots of time during her plan and before/ after school to get this done, so we're looking for volunteers to help. Contact Mrs. Freeman to help out.

PTAC Funds Helping Teachers & Students

PE

The sound system in the gym will be a great added addition to PE class this year once the weather turns cooler and we start our indoor units.

Music is a great teaching tool in the physical education classroom and it also can motivate the students to push themselves during our workout.

*Also helps assemblies!

Music

Keyboard for my room. I am able to record myself playing so I can conduct or walk around and hear the children singing. It also transposes, so I can have the kids sing a song in an appropriate key, or pitch.

I'm able to rent the high school auditorium (pay workers only) for concerts at the high school.

Kindergarten

1. Technology
2. Field trips
3. Curriculum- New and Updating old
4. Material for teaching our students
5. Pays for part of Leah Witt's para
6. Handwriting Curriculum and Workbooks for students

1st Grade

Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Calkins are grateful for our grade level paraprofessional funded with PTAC funds. We use our paraprofessional to meet with individual students needing help, leading groups working on math facts, and providing extra challenge to students who need it. PTAC funds have also been used to purchase leveled book bins, phonics board games, iPads, and iTouches for classroom use. We can do more, and do it better, because of the generosity of this community channeled through our amazing PTAC!

Literacy

The funds that are allocated to the Literacy Room are teacher grants.

I use the money for books, magazines, on line reading programs and rewards for home reading.

This money is very useful so I can get many types of reading in front of children.

Miss Rogers

PTAC purchased two additional laptops for me, so that my students would be able to do more research. It has been such a help! I would wish for more, since we do a lot of research and writing, but I'm very thankful for the 4 laptops I have!

4th Grade

4th Grade uses the paraprofessionals for a Small supported group in Reading. Each teacher sends two students two Mrs. Olsen. This replaces Mrs. Gilson's support, as we do not get her this year due to all the testing changes! This group sees her 5 days a week. She will be working on the classroom curriculum, but in a smaller setting. She will also be using books, both non-fiction and fiction to practice reading comprehension strategies. They will discuss the books they are reading as a group, which helps increase comprehension. Mrs. Burke will be working with a Boy group in Writing, this will give them more support as well as interest based writing.

I Personally used most of my teacher grant money already on classroom supplies, workbooks, markers, glue sticks, sharpies, pens, sticky notes, etc. etc.

We also have Mrs. Olsen's support for math - she works daily with Mrs. Horne to help provide extra support to the grade-level curriculum.

I also spend a portion on supplies and was able purchase Brain Pop for the 4th and 5th grade teachers to use

Technology is in use DAILY! Such a boon to differentiating for students

Report from Cyndi Summers, 5th grade teacher

- We are able to do what we do because of your support!
- What we appreciate the most is the paras: This school attracts certified teachers for para positions.
- Shared a little of what paras do in 5th grade: writing groups, help with struggling readers
- Uses of grants for teachers in 5th grade: Colonial craft day, science fair posters, Young Ameritowne, field day shirts, assemblies to extend what we are learning about and filling holes not in the curriculum
- Thank you for all the support you give teachers

Round Up Committee Overview: Presented by Stacey Bahr and Susan Rona

What is Round Up?:

- PTAC funds a lot, every April the board presents a budget in April and then is voted on in May
- It is our fundraiser to fund the projected budget
- \$51,000 of our \$89,000 budget goes towards paras
- We do Round Up so we are not out selling (wrapping paper, cookie dough, magazines, etc.)
- We are asking for a donation of \$225 and you can "round up" to \$300 if you have more than one child at Niwot Elementary (but encouraged to give any amount)
- We are pushing for participation from every family, at any amount

The Committee is made up of Susan Rona, Stacey Bahr and Julie Rich. You can go through the expense lines in the budget to see exactly where the money is going. We are sensitive to what is going on in our community due to the flood but feel it is critical to continue to support our school. Since we fund our paras, we make a commitment to the district that we will pay for them, this is why we have a deadline for Round Up to end.

We are also having a contest, Fill the Boot, where each grade level will be tracked for class participation with the winning grade winning a popsicle recess, 5th grade is in the lead right now. Check with your employer to see if they do Corporate Match. Cowboy day will be October 4th. We take check or credit card online. We are at 25% participation right now.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Jennifer Wilby

Financials were presented and reviewed. (See slideshow at beginning of minutes)

It is OUR budget, not the board's budget. The budget was presented in April and voted on and approved in May. There will be changes throughout the year as it is hard to predict so far in advance. We want to be transparent.

As a nonprofit, we can't go into debt so we are conscience of our cash flow. The figures are available to view on the PTAC website.

Reviewed Surplus expenditures (slide in slideshow)

Budget: \$89,000

- 57% comes from Round-Up and Corporate Match
- 20% comes from activities and events
- 23% comes from corporate cash

Where it goes:

- 54% to paras
- 24% to teacher support
- 13% to school support

- 3% to library
- 3% to facilities support
- 3% to operating expenses

Reviewed Balance Sheets, Income, Expenditures and Income highlights of budget (slides in slideshow)

One parent let everyone know that Grandrabbits donates 10% of purchase to Niwot Elementary if you tell them you are from Niwot.

Communications: Presented by Anne Jentz

Reviewed ways we are keeping in communication with parents and places you can go for information.

- Facebook - The board decided to close the Facebook page since we realized that we had 3 platforms on facebook so we were having to post to 3 places - we just don't have the bandwidth to keep up with it as a board. In the process of closing the page, Facebook sent out a message saying the page is "secret", this is just Facebook ling - the page is NOT secret, it no longer exist! You can find PTAC information through the Niwot Elementary Principal Page and Parents of Niwot Elementary
- This Week at Niwot weekly email
- PTAC Webpage
- Bulletin Board at the front entrance
- Upcoming Dates
 - Movie Night - The Croods, Friday 6-9pm
 - Niwot Trot Postponed
 - 9/3-10/4 Avid for Adventure
 - 10/1 Chick-Fil-A Dining for Dollars
 - 10/4-10/11 Scholastic Book Fair
 - 10/4 Cowboy Day at NES

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
PTAC STATUS REPORT
September 2013

STANDING COMMITTEES:
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IN-SCHOOL SUPPORT

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OTHER COMMITTEES:

BACK-TO-SCHOOL MOVIE:

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Movie Night this Friday hopefully. Please let everyone know that movie night is still on and that if it starts to rain we'll just pack up and go home.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

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Was a big success!!!

BOOK FAIR

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Book Fair Committee is preparing for our Scholastic Book Fair, Oct. 4-11. We will report on our sales and profits for the library at the November meeting.

BUDDY FAMILY

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BOXTOPS

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CORPORATE FUNDRAISING

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I'd say we've sold at least 20 new King's cards this month, about 5 Safeway cards. I have been in touch with Niwot Market to determine whether they can start us up with a reloadable card, as they have a new computer system and might be able to do this. Also talking to Lucky's, will see where that goes.

Please remind everyone that the King Sooper cards can no longer be used to purchase gift cards (well, they won't give us a percentage for them), but both Safeway and Kings cards can be used to purchase gas.

I will join spirit sales at the school every time they set up. I'm pondering showing up at other times as well, provided it makes sense to do so.

Checks we've received:

Target \$2,688.56 ... that's \$600 over budget :)

Kings Sooper \$605.35

Also a notification from Safeway that \$3,604.27 was reloaded up to 9/7/13.

They pay at \$5000+ so hopefully we'll get a check next month.

I also picked up a request for \$50 worth of Grocery Cards.

I've been in touch with Niwot Market and they hope to have a reloadable card available to use soon. They want to do something similar to Kings and Safeway, with us buying the cards up front and people loading them as needed. They would track the cards every time we use them, though we'd need to tell them we are using a NES card. They want to give us 10% back on all purchases. Stay tuned, this is fun news!

DINING FOR DOLLARS

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Dining for Dollars-

Oct. 1st at Chick-fi-A from 5-7:30 - fliers will go in backpacks

Nov 3rd-9th is Wahoo

Dec 3rd is Basil Flats

Special farm to table Dining for Dollars at Ollin Farms on Oct. 12th at 5pm. \$60 per person. \$20 per person goes back to the school. They have room for 75 people.

Ollin Farms Dinner - is still on but I have not heard anymore from the farm. I'll send out details when I get them. What are the opinions of the members on this event? It's Sat. Oct. 12 at 5pm. It's \$60 per person with \$20 going back to the school. Do we have enough interest to go forward with it? I just want thoughts on this.

DIRECTORY DATA CONTENT

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All non-student/parent contact information has been collected for the 2013-2014 NES directory. This includes staff photos, community contact information, school and PTAC calendar information and general school and classroom information. As of Friday, September 20, 90% of the Census Verification forms have been collected from parents. New CVR forms were printed and sent home to any parents that we had not received forms from over this past week. The forms were requested to be returned to the front office by Friday, Sept 27th. Due to unanticipated school closures, the collection and delivery of the student/parent contact information will be delayed. A quality audit of the collected data will hopefully take place the first week of October allowing a delivery of final directory contents by early to mid October. Delays in the school district providing the reports we need to generate the directory contents may delay this final content delivery further into October.

DIRECTORY SPONSORSHIP

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We currently have 40 sponsors submitting advertisements to be included in the NES 2013-2014 Directory. There are a variety of businesses represented. Many are repeat sponsors and some are NES family businesses. Three are businesses that are donating Directory-related services (design, printing, photographs) and will receive an ad at no cost. The change in size of the directory to an 8" x 10" book has helped to increase our ad revenue significantly. The included offer to send home a business flier with each student in March 2014 as part of the "NES PTAC Approved Sponsor Packet" has also helped ad sales. As of September 24th we have received payments of \$6,500.00 and are awaiting receipt of an additional \$2,600 - 3,000. Our ad submission deadline has past, yet we will accept ads as late as possible while waiting on the student/family data content from Infinite Campus through the St. Vrain District.

Distribution of the Directory will most likely be early- to mid-October. Of course, final layout, printing and distribution will take place as quickly as possible.

EARTH DAY

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F.A.N (FATHER'S ASSOCIATION OF NIWOT)

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Collecting emails of fathers right now.

GREENSTAR PROGRAM

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This year the Greenstar committee is going to continue our classroom glue brigade collection programs. This includes collecting ALL glue sticks, caps, glue bottles and caps from all classrooms pre-K through 5th. Collection boxes will be placed in classrooms within the next week or two. Last year we were able to save 642 glue sticks from ending up in landfills and I'm hoping we can reach 700 this year!

Along with the glue brigade, we have also started a juice pouch brigade in the cafeteria. We are collecting capri sun and honest kid juice pouches to send to Terracycle to be upcycled into numerous products instead of winding up in a landfill. Terracycle pays our school money for each of these collection programs which we are hoping to eventually earn enough to purchase ALL classrooms reusable party ware! Brenda (the head custodian) has been extremely helpful in collecting these juice pouches at lunch time in the cafeteria.

We are also very excited to announce a eco-fundraiser for the flood victims here in Longmont/Niwot. We have partnered with Eco Lunch Gear (www.ecolunchgear.com) to offer all families at Niwot Elementary a chance to help raise money for flood victims AND create a waste free lunch by purchasing reusable sandwich wraps & snack bags. Parents can shop for sandwich wraps, snack bags, jumbo snack bags or cinch sacks online at ecolunchgear.com and type in the coupon code: NIWOT at checkout. Eco Lunch Gear will send us \$4 for each wrap or bag purchased! It's that simple! Our family has been using these products for years. They are handmade in the US and easy to clean (machine washable). The average person uses about 480 sandwich and snack bags a year and a typical family of four spends around \$75-\$100 a year just on disposable lunch and snack bags! Help preserve the environment, save money and help those in need by purchasing your reusable lunch gear today.

KISS-N-CATCH/SAFETY

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Report:

The start of the school year has brought so many exciting changes to the Niwot parking lot! A quick last minute meeting the week before school started led to some very fast responses from the district!

1. The parking lot traffic pattern has been altered to allow for a better flow.
2. The kiss and catch lane is now one side only.
3. A new gate has been installed to restrict traffic into the bus area
4. A new fence will be permanently installed at the center of the kiss and catch lane.
5. New signage was installed in the parking lot.
6. Designated staff parking has been allocated.

All of these changes were made in cooperation with the St Vrain district transportation and engineering departments. There was NO money spent from Niwot Elementary's budgets.

The first week or two of school was challenging with all of these new changes. Many thanks to Sondra Leidesdorff and Nancy Pitz for standing in traffic all week directing and instructing! Thank you to the teachers for your diligent daily traffic duties. Thanks to Brenda Aaberg for monitoring the gate daily! Many of our Niwot Elementary neighbors have commented, even written to Nancy to declare their gratitude and appreciation of our new system as it has greatly eased many of the complaints they had.

I ask for everyone's commitment in educating all drivers to the new rules. Compliance with the Kiss and Catch rules will increase the safety of our students!

LEADERSHIP ST. VRAIN/SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUES

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MWEBAZA/NES PARTNERSHIP

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CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS TO BEGIN SOON

On October 22, 23, and 24, Mr. Peterson and Mwebaza Foundation Development Assistant, Devaki Douillard, will be visiting classrooms to give students an update on their Ugandan pen pals. Students will receive letters and photos from their pen pals, and will be shown photos and videos of life at Niwot's African partner school, Mwebaza School. Children will learn about the progress of the construction of a new middle school that is being built for Mwebaza students using funds raised by families here at Niwot. Mr. Peterson and Ms. Douillard visited Mwebaza School last summer, along with Niwot's own music teacher, Miss. O, and a team of four others.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

The Mwebaza Foundation is currently helping to build two schools in Uganda – a middle school for students at Mwebaza School, and a primary school for children in the village of Nkokonjeru. Both buildings were designed by Niwot architect, Amanda Woodward, and her husband, solar engineer, John Tembrock. The foundation of each building has been completed, and walls are starting to go up! Waterless, self-composting toilets have been installed in concrete bases, and the buildings surrounding these units will be constructed soon. We estimate that building construction will be completed early next year, and we plan to install solar panels in late winter or spring. Both new schools will collect rainwater from their roofs. This rainwater will be sterilized using units donated by the TankPro Corporation of Australia. Such units are currently used at Mwebaza School. *In the photo to the left, Mwebaza students are washing their hands using collected, purified rainwater.*

Thanks to Niwot families for helping make these new school buildings a reality for some wonderful children in east Africa!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 5 – “Mwebaza Day” assembly including Skyping with Ugandan pen pals and African musical performance

Wednesday, February 26, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Mwebaza Used Children’s Book Sale

Wednesday, April 30 – Mwebaza Jog-a-thon Fundraiser

NEWSPAPER LIAISON

Mea French	303-378-9580	jaymea@comcast.net
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I take pics on a routine basis at school. Anything that has to do with academics or something special going on at NES. Once a month I send in a pic and a little blurb about "what's happening" at school to the Left Hand Courier.

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NIWOT CARES

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NIWOT TROT

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Working with Boulder County open space on a new Niwot Trot date. Should and hope to have a date by the end of next week. Old registration forms can still be used. Stay tuned...

ORIGINAL WORKS

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The Original Works project is in progress. Ms. Freeman has the supplies she needs so far (Sharpies, paper, and water colors) and is helping the children to complete their dog or cat art projects. Five classes have completed the projects and the others are in progress. The committee will be organizing each student's Original Works parent packets through October 3rd, so that the packets can be returned to parents via Friday Folders on October 4th. Parents must have the packets back to teachers by October 18th. The committee will then organize the order and prepare it for shipping back to Original Works by October 25th. The fulfilled orders should arrive back to the school by November 19th to be organized for distributions to classrooms.

READING RESOURCE ROOM

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ROUND-UP

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1. What is Round-Up?
2. Who is the Round-Up Committee
3. What does Round-Up Fund?
4. Why we are proceeding with Round-Up
5. Historic participation
6. Current Participation

- 7. Fill the Boot!
- 8. Cowboy Day!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Janet Lopez	303-652-0201	janet@ajslopez.com
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School Supplies: signed contract with new vendor, EPI, for the 2014-2015 school year. Our school will be automatically entered into a monthly drawing for \$1000; drawings will be held through March, I believe. Next activity for this committee will not start until Spring. We will need to find my replacement(s) so I can train them in the spring.

SCIENCE GARDEN

Leah Hanley	303-652-9977	l_hanley@earthlink.net
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The Science Garden is in the process of organizing volunteers for each classroom so we can get fall programs underway. With the flooding, there have been widespread delays including completion of volunteer packets and getting our new directories. Without the contacts these provide, I have been stalled in contacting volunteers for our fall Science Garden programs. If you have expressed interest in helping in the Science Garden, I will be contacting you ASAP. All K-4 classrooms need Science Garden volunteers to present science programs to your class once in fall and once in spring. We also need volunteers to assist with the programs. The kids love these programs and the volunteers that give them. Its a great way to get involved in your child's class and give students a hands-on program to spark each child's love of science!

I am in my last year at Niwot Elementary and am looking for a replacement for Science Garden Committee Chairperson. It would be wonderful to have someone to mentor so that there is a smooth transition when its time to "pass the torch". This is a great opportunity to get to know the students and expose them to the exciting world of science. For more information on becoming a classroom volunteer or the Science Garden Committee Chairperson, please contact Leah Hanley at L_hanley@earthlink.net or (303) 746-8883.

SOCK HOP

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The only update as of now is that April 18 has been approved by all the specials teachers. I am still waiting to hear back from Nancy. I will send another email out tomorrow, but I am assuming we are good to go. Thank you!

SPIRIT SALES

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Selling the 2nd Friday of every month in the morning and at special events such as Movie Night.

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

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We have collected all the Summer Learning Logs and Workbooks. Finishing up tallying the minutes. The medals for the Workbooks came in this past week. Hoping to announce the winners next week.

TALENT SHOW

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Here is a report of what is going on with the Talent Show.

~ Theme Niwot Goes To Hollywood

~ Applications have gone out and the new online application form should go out tomorrow.

~ deadline for applications is 14th October

~ a copy of all lyrics must be sent with every application, so they can be deemed appropriate

~ show off #1 Tuesday November 12th and Wednesday 13th

~ show off #2 January 8th and 9th, this is a Dress Rehearsal. We are doing this in conjunction with Nancy Pitz so it can be determined if costumes are appropriate ahead of time.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

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VOLUNTEER BADGES

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WELCOMING

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NEW/OLD BUSINESS: Presented by Sondra Leidesdorff

Late Start Assemblies: (slide in slideshow)

- We surveyed the teacher on what type of programs they would like
- Shared slide of teachers’ requests and proposed schedule
- Hoping to do 3 late starts: constrained by assemblies already planned and budget

Budget Amendment:

- Realized we need to make a change to a name of a line item in the budget
- Came from a light being shined on Niwot Cares because of the flood
- Niwot Cares started last year - it was a community effort to support families in need (not monetary)
- When we were looking at the budget last year we put scholarships under Niwot Cares but it doesn’t match the goal of Niwot Cares
- We already have the money allocated in the line item but just need to change the name
- Motion to change the name of line item from Niwot Cares to Scholarship
 - Motion made by Susan Rona
 - Seconded by Leah Hanley

Volunteer of the Month: Kelli Walden and all the work she has done in the last 5 years to get something done in our parking lot/Kiss N Catch to make it safer! Thank you!!!

CLOSING:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
ReAnna Damek
PTAC Secretary