

**PTAC General Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2018**

~ Motion to approve May minutes approved

~ Grassroots St. Vrain – Erin Jeffreys

- Founded in 2008
- Focus on Colorado School funding & educating voting public on various education-related ballots
- Current: Amendment 73
  - Increases Public School Funding PreK – 12 grade increase 1.6 billion
  - Increase graduated income tax for households over \$150,000
  - Increase corporate income tax by 1.37%
  - Drop residential property assessment rate to 7.0% and freeze it. Without it, assessment will likely drop to 6.2%, and
    - Gallagher Amendment – approved in 1982

\*45/55 Residential /Non-Residential tax Collection Split – guarantees fewer taxes collected on residential taxes

\*Fixed Assessment at 29% Non-Residential, but Residential rate could fluctuate to maintain 45/55 ratio

\* Assessment rate has continuously dropped as values of residential properties have continued to increase. Fell to 7.96% in 2003

\*Residential rates, however, cannot be ratcheted back up without going before voters, due to Tabor Amendment.

- We fund schools through local property taxes and state taxes; if local taxes fall, state taxes must make up the difference.
- As of 2015, schools funded 34% via local taxes and 66% via state taxes.
- Overall CO spends approx.. \$2000 less per student than the national average.
- How will Amendment 73 funds be allocated?
  - \$50.7 Million for St. Vrain School district.
  - Board of Education decides how to distribute money

~ Pilar LeFaye – Teacher Update

Thank you notes from teachers  
Hurray for Paras  
Extra classroom purchases  
Young Ameritown

New Math Curriculum

- Reading component challenging for younger classes, but improving in second year
- Bounce pages app
  - Shows you how your kids were taught to do whatever page they are working on

~Nancy Pitz - Principal Update

- Climbing Wall done
- Playground done
- Front Entry / Hallways done
- Niwot Trot – Over 500 participants, record numbers?
  - To discuss for later: future of event, growth & direction
  - Estimated \$6,000 revenue – currently looks like \$10 - \$10,500 gross
  - Staggered Start
  - Recognize/Reward Niwot Students specifically

Financial Review

- Taxes to be filed next week
- Still waiting on Modern Market check
- Watch Dogs – broke even
- Trot Sponsorships Still Outstanding

Cougar Campaign

- Next Communication?