

# Niwot Elementary School's PTAC General Meeting Minutes Tuesday September 20, 2016

## **OPENING:**

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Blondeau at 7:03pm with 13 members present (8 Board members; 5 regular members).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **Hadley Solomon: Grassroots St Vrain**

Formed in 2008 when significant number of teachers were cut.

Important videos on website explaining the funding of school budgets in the state of Colorado.

Leadership St Vrain provides an abundant amount of information regarding financing.

Colorado State Funding Formula - video (operating budgets)

Local Dollars for Local Schools - video

MLO - 2008 and 2012: additional \$1200 per students (this is a permanent change)

Current Bond Issue: SVVSD is growing at 800 students/yr: \$260 million (relatively smaller bond to those surrounding districts) will address school repairs / security / space for innovation centers

( What it means for Niwot Elementary: bus and parking routes, internal upgrades)

Colorado is the only state where legislature cannot raise taxes on its own.

Ammendment 23 (2010) - mandatory increase for per pupil funding: Inflation +1% for 10 yrs and then inflation only after.

## **PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Presented by Nancy Pitz, Principal

- Thank you for Watch D.O.G.S. - very successful and the year is almost full!
- Colorado Proud: another huge success; will be part of the 50th anniversary.
- Please sign your children up for AVID4 - it is next week!
- 100 mile club will be 3 days: M / Th / F
- Trip Tracker Surveys: Due Sept 30th
- Enrollment: 443 (right at projection) 75 full time Kinder -44% are open enrolled
- Hired all instructional PARA's (7 with one strictly around tech support)
- ReadyGEN - is fully implemented
- October 5th is Count Day AND Picture Day

## **TEACHER'S REPORT:** Presented by Pilar LaFaye, Teacher Representative

- IXL rolled out with 5th grade. Other grades have now applied for grants for IXL.
- Young AmeriTowne is Thursday - funded by PTAC
- Craft / Bake Sale - October 21st
- Thank you for PARA support

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Presented by Donna Blondeau, PTAC President

- Denise officially voted in as Secretary
- Artist in Residence - Peg Hilliard: It will be a permanent installation in Science Garden provided by 5th grad. Students will make a metal butterfly that students will be able to take home.
- PTAC Completed Activities - continues to grow

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Presented by Rta Ayer, VP

- New Parent Meet and Greet - very successful: will work on how to include those that register very close to the beginning of the school year.
- Watch D.O.G.S. - excellent turnout
- Trip Tracker - surveys to be returned by Sept 30. Registration is open for new students but make sure to update information.
- Outdoor Movie Night - Oct 7th: Hotel Transylvania 2
- Sock Hop - Feb 3rd
- Talent Show - March 22-23
- Summer Learning Program Winners are posted! Top 3 received certificates. Highest classroom will get a Popsicle party with Mrs Pitz. Kids were more excited about bringing back Paws to the classroom than a gift card.

**V.P. of FUNDRAISING REPORT:** Presented by Julie Jensen, VP of Fundraising

- Refer to link for slides.
- Niwot Trot Student Winners - announced
- Niwot Trot - 394 participants / 178 students - evenly supported through grades: \$4,287 profit
- Informal feedback has been provided and a survey will be sent out for additional ideas on possible improvements, (timing was a great add but we did not break even with the new devices and will be looking at improving nex year). Overall a great and positive event.
- Box Tops - refer to link for slides
- Other Fundraising Activities - refer to link for slides
- Grocery Cards - will also be available on movie night

**Treasurer Report - Presented by Jamie Heckman, Treasurer**

- Refer to link for slides.

**CLOSING:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

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