

PTO Minutes
October 16, 2007

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Natalie Portman-Marsh)
 - a. Principal – Monica Draper
 - b. President – Natalie Portman-Marsh
 - c. Vice President- Nicky McGill
 - d. Secretary – Jen Patrick
 - e. Treasurer – Beth Ellis
 - f. Teacher Rep- Lynn Twietmeyer
 - g. Teacher Rep- Alisha Cohen
 - h. VC – Hilary Wallace
 - i. Parent- Diana Gatti
 - j. Parent – Jo Shanks

- II. Approval of previous month's meeting minutes (Jen Patrick) –All in favor.

- III. Principal – Monica Draper
 - a. TIES Presentation – Went over Douglass Mission. Discussed Timeline/Process. CSAP Results – Douglass results are higher than the district average in areas. Discussed Douglass's Patterns to Celebrate – Positive growth over time by both cohort and non-cohort groups. Greater gains than district, greater gains than state. Little instance of unsatisfactory scores. Etc. Math Achievement Patterns to Celebrate- Weighted Index Score increased shows continuous growth from 3rd to 5th grades. 100% proficient or above in third and fourth grade math. Science Patterns to Celebrate- Boys growth from 100 to 121. Science achievement challenge patterns Female = 97, Male= 121. –gap between male and female students is 24 points. Discussed Organizational Goal – Douglass Elementary will create a safe, welcoming, bias-free learning environment so that students look forward to coming to school and students feel knowledgeable about and empowered to deal with bully situations, as evidenced by increases on the BVSD Student Climate Survey: Item #2 – Increase from 52% favorable to 60% favorable, Item #9 Increase from 57% to 63%, Item #35- Increase from 59% to 70%. After DAC meeting on October 30th, Monica will post the TIES goals on the website. For more details see Monica.

- IV. Vice President-Nicky McGill
 - a. Gift Wrap Update- Gift Wrap goal was attained. Approx. \$20,700 was sold. We get \$10, 793. Ice Cream Parties are scheduled for all of the kids who participated.

- V. SportSwap – Jo Shanks The sale was very successful. We made approximately \$800. This was with a small number of attendees due to the busy Saturday. Everyone agrees it has the potential to make a lot more money. Monica suggested doing a Spring Sale . Dina Shepard has agreed to head it up. Discussed getting a classified section on the Douglass Website. Natalie will email Pete, the webmaster, and cc: Paula about the classified section on the web.
- VI. Family Fun/Bingo Night –we are set to go for Friday night. Sounds like a lot of excitement with it around the school.
- VII. Auction – Diana Gatti Having her first planning meeting tomorrow. Getting the website set up –Ready, Set, Auction. Going to be able to keep track of our sponsors through this system. And could use it for Jog-a-Thon in the Spring.
- VIII. Treasurer -Beth Ellis
- a. Tax extension was filed for us by Cindy Swenson and she will file our 501c3 paperwork. Thanks to Cindy!!!!
 - b. Discussed having a process around having budgets for chair's. Basically, they can spend whatever they are going to make back over the needed profit .
 - c. Chairpersons will be in charge of letters to sponsors for taxes.
 - d. New items on budget include Colorado Symphony for enrichment Program and the \$500 for the calendar magnets in Back to School folders. Gift Wrap checks deposited - \$16,858. (We won't make that much because we still have to pay Innisbrook.) Beth is trying to get next years treasurer to be on Audit committee to start getting up to speed on Treasurer job.
- IX. DPC – The meeting is occurring the same time as this one. Cathy will update us next month.
- X. Directory – The directory is complete. Copies can be picked up in the office for \$3 each.
- XI. Jog-a-thon Sponsors – Natalie is looking into getting the logos on the website. Natalie will follow up with Penny and Pete W.
- XII. PTO meeting date changes- Jen will email Patty to put date changes in next newsletter.
- XIII. Spirit Merchandise – Natalie will send email to parents asking for proposal. Looking to get a turn around by the holidays.
- XIV. Community Fundraisers – Natalie will follow up with Jacqui Davie

XV. DAC – Douglass review date is scheduled for 10/30.

XVI. Project Updates

- a. School Greeters/Bus Helpers – we are currently in need of volunteers for this.
- b. Vending Machine – We are currently putting out a request for this in the Teacher’s Lounge.
- c. Clothing Drive – Jo Shanks- Jo contacted Elaine. We need socks, jeans and boots.
- d. Lobbyguard- Paula asked if someone could come to the November meeting to talk about this.
- e. Karate – A parent wanted to speak with the PTO about implementing this. PTO decided not to support this.