

PTO/SIT MEETING 11/03/04

I. Welcome

Hello

II Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Schwenker moves to approve- Seconded

III. Treasurer's Report

Reviewed Balance sheet and Transactions by account, P&L budget vs. Actual.

Made \$1800 ytd on grocery certs. Budget \$9000K/month. Pizza made \$7800K, gift wrap \$22K, teacher allocations \$12K, special projects, green bars \$52K received grant for that.

Gift wrap by grade detail by grade

Budget details

Kelley- \$52K , \$35K was for literacy \$17K was for pt lab assistant computer and building match for TAG, and to purchase 10/hr week for clerical. We did receive \$43K for Read to Achieve. \$52K is budget for all needs. Addresses all areas and how to use funds. What are other wishes? Determined we need \$60K to currently fund what we are doing and bump those areas. Other wish list was for clerical help in office. 7 more hrs would be about \$3700 and other wish list items equate to \$9-\$10K. We have a \$10K donation from a family that we have not spent and we are going to use that. \$52K-\$35K= \$17K from PTO for personnel plus the donation amount. Allows us to give back the \$35K to PTO for literacy that we were going use. Agreed!
(Confused Yet?)

IV. DAC Update

No Update

V. DPC Update

Sue Inslee- explained DPC position for new parents. Liaison with School Board. Parent Council can advise on issues or ask for more info on a particular issue. Last mtg had state Senate reps at meeting. Salazaar's rep. Salazaar supports no child left behind Needs revising, need to reset some of the standards, to reach standard yearly progress was not clearly defined or fair. Charter Schools for not making the grade needs to be changed,. That is not the way it should go.

Parent Proposal regarding the parent's view point on the funding change. 3 reps that spoke felt that the change would be harmful to the public school system. Would get at the heart and dismantle public education. Council has to come to a consensus and agreement and this issue was very one sided at last meeting. Sue will not make the next meeting can someone else attend? That meeting with me the discussion session that will lead to recommendation. Can there be a panel? Need discussion of the issue not just each sides view.

Desire is to come to a consensus and majority vote will determine the outcome.

Plan to get all the info out through the web for some preliminary discussion.

Traci expressed disappointment that turn out is so low regarding this issue. Seems that community is assuming that this will just get passed. If this is prevented our Literacy Program will be dismantled or cut very significantly. How it affects other schools may not be as drastic. Traci got involved 2 yrs ago when our funding was going to be cut. Kelley went to the Board to see if we could get an exception to use our fundraising dollars for staff. Issues are who is responsible for the “employee”? Does it promote inequality between schools? Traci hounded the schools to see if she could get a dollar amount each school receives in funding. She came up with a per pupil funding amount. Sue took to the DPC and they did not believe that the information was accurate. DPC has requested the \$ for all schools and has yet to see that number. The Board did not want to show Title 1 funding.

Separating out title one skews the data and should be left in -Kelley.
Public records can be obtained under “open records request” to allow this information to anyone who requests it. BVSD finance group says data doesn’t exist.

Title 1 schools have high needs and then they receive more from the state, then more from reduced lunch, and other misc. grants because of their low income high needs issues.

Another parent inferred that BVSD is trying to cap the \$ in the argument of inequity. Students should be allowed to achieve their level not a capped level set by the district. Letters can be written to show support for the fundraising \$ to support personnel (non teachers, non certified).

The policy is written such that schools can use their fund raised \$ up to a certain \$ amount for personnel. Some schools are not in support of this. One Recommendation is that any amt. that you use for SRA you would have to donate 20% of additional raised funds to a pool for all schools.

SRA in typical budget represent 2.5% of budget. Concern you are setting precedent that parents have to take on this additional responsibility. Grants are only temporary too and can ‘t and are not maintained as would not be fundraising at the highest level.

Denver has no restrictions on using fund raising dollars. Parents would like to get their input as Denver has data for 6 yrs. and the concerns have not materialized.

Pool- DPC felt mostly that the Pool was a bad idea, maybe a partner school that parents could pick.

VI. Fundraising KH-R Policy

Traci read what she presented to Board last week in support of revising the current KH-R policy. Mtg. 2nd or 4th Tuesday for next meeting anyone can speak for two minutes.

District will be expanding the Lafayette schools -Kelley. \$66K more to Laf Elem. to hire a FT TAG teacher \$80K for Ryan for TAG math science focus , Sanchez \$170K for full day kindergarten, PARAS, supplies, materials, more art, PE, _ a TAG teacher makes this gap larger and then say that you cannot come up here with your raised funds.

Lynn Is the extra money helping? Reduced class size is helping, but no other data has been available.

Traci, can we make a recommendation to the Board from Douglass community in addition to individual parent support.

How can we get parents involved, meeting just to address this issue? Phone tree, Friday folder?

Look into open records law and follow protocol to get information on funding per school.

More discussions were had regarding the point of why this isn't fair.

Cyndy to get a letter out to community in Friday Folder regarding literacy program education to parents, meeting and issues. Other flyers to be handed out with report cards. Flood parents at conferences.

Meeting date for discussion on this issue November possible.

Mtg. 11/17/04 at the Ed Center for this issue.

VII. Committee Reports

Play ground shade structure in the next few days, we are still OK with grant.

Enrichment chair -Stephanie Moore (Laura Burke was unable to fulfill)

Spring Event- May 21st proposed date. Social fun evening for adults. Possible auction new setting, no hotel. April might be better Traci to take back.

KidzArt not until spring, not able to get art in for Sept. deadline

VIII.. New Business

Mini grants Lynn received from Impact.

Reviewed the mini grants from previous year.

Reviewed this year- take out balls as mini grant individual accounts by teacher

Fans Kelley to look into

Several items would normally go through enrichment- that will be stated, but since we have the funds it's OK this year.