



PTO Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 6, 2014

1. Welcome PTO Executive Board
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Michelle Sosa at 6:02 p.m. School staff administration that was present included Principal Kellie Lauth, Carrie Romero-Brugger, and Michelle Priola.

2. Updates from the Principal Kellie Lauth
 - a. All updates will be on the website and in the Principal's newsletter within the next several weeks.
 - b. Counseling services for students and families – Survey monkey out online
 - c. Honored device winners from Principal's Challenge (over winter break) – 17 students won a Kindle Fire through this reading challenge.
 - d. Parent/Teacher conferences will be next week, February 13
 - e. Each year Adams 12 hosts a banquet for teachers within the district. "Prom Royalty" election for this banquet consists of Ms. Aleah Tebben and Mr. Michael Leitshuh. Students can donate to help fundraise for this fashion show. Students can contribute \$1 for an out of uniform day this Wednesday (February 12). 50% of donations will come back to the school.
 - i. After School Fashion Clothing Club with Michelle Priola will help design the clothing for the teacher participants.
 - ii. Donations for fashion show are needed.
 - f. Partnership Art Show, student presentations - February 19
 - g. Not your Grandma's Fashion Show - March 7
 - i. Hosted by the After School Fashion Clothing Club
 - h. Spanish Speaking classes – Linda Dellett asked the question to incorporate Spanish speaking classes into student learning. The school is still working on a plan to integrate this into the school.
 - i. Discipline Action report – In order to reflect transparency within the building, Ms. Lauth passed out a document that compares office referrals from last year to this year (attached). Students who receive referrals and aren't performing at grade level receive academic intervention. Data from this report shows that there are less referrals given to students. Teachers have been incredibly proactive in handling disruptive behavior in the classrooms, therefore less students are sent to the office with ongoing negative behavior.
 - i. Every middle school within Adams 12 gets enough funding from the district to fund approximately 2 student's relocations to alternative education sites. To date, the Principal has removed 4 middle school

students this year and recommended alternative education, due to the fact that STEM Launch was not a good fit for the student. Priority is safety and education of the students at the school.

- j. The school has received approval from district to expand an additional 4th and 5th grade classroom for the next school year. This will help fill the pipeline into the 6th grade. Eventually, the school would like to expand all primary grades with one more classroom.
 - k. SNN (Severe Special Needs program) – the program will end at the completion of this school year, as students who are currently enrolled in this program will be transitioning to high school next school year. The school will no longer have a center-based program, but will continue to serve students with cognitive special needs, but not on a 1 to 1 level.
3. Updates from the PTO President Michelle Sosa
- a. Dine Out March will hopefully take place at a nearby Mexican Restaurant. The Spanish Speaking PTO and PTO are working together to finalize a date and location. Details will be posted on the website soon.
 - b. Box Tops collection date is rapidly approaching. Please have all your box tops turned in to your child's homeroom teacher by February 17.
 - c. Longmont Dairy – Running a special promotion through mid-April, chocolate milk tops are worth \$.25. For more information on this FREE \$ Fundraiser please visit the [website](#).
 - d. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – February 13. Fiesta Theme – We appreciate any support and are still in need of food items and volunteers. Please sign up [here](#).
4. Updates from the PTO Treasurer Linda Dellett
- a. As of February 6 the PTO cash balance is \$13,594.97
 - b. Minus the PTO grants recently approved (see below \$1,999) = \$11,595.97
5. Grant Request Voting Melinda Arnold
- a. The PTO Board has budgeted roughly \$8,000 to disperse for PTO Grant Requests through the end of the 2013-14 school year. However, if additional funding is raised between now and the end of May the Board may decide to allocate additional funds towards the grant process.
 - b. Any grant request over \$250.00 will be brought to PTO meetings to be approved by majority vote. These applications are reviewed by the PTO Board and school principal and either recommended for PTO Member approval or declined. If at any point during the process the PTO Board can request additional supporting information from the applicant.
 - i. For requests under \$250.00, they are reviewed by the PTO Board and school Principal and either approved or declined.

- c. Additional grant information can be found on the [website](#).
- d. Presentation of Calwood Outdoor Education 5th grade field trip that took place the last week in January. Grant request totaled \$1,500.00 (\$30 for 50 students); this is approximately 1/3 of total cost. The school covered 1/3 of the cost, parents were solicited for 1/3, and the PTO grant request was for the remaining third.
 - i. Students learned about weather, snow conditions, flood impact and Colorado geography. They also conducted mapping activities that will support their upcoming flood PBL.
 - ii. Members in attendance took a vote to support and approve the funding initiative, overwhelming majority of members in attendance voted to support the effort (17 of the 17 attendees).
- a. To date the following PTO Grant Requests have been approved and funded:

Program Title	Amount Funded
TSA State Conference Transportation	\$ 249.00
Calwood Outdoor Learning Center -5th grade	\$ 1,500.00
TSA State Conference Lodging	\$ 250.00
TOTAL AWARDS	\$ 1,999.00

- 6. Speaker: **Officer Mendez, STEM Launch Student Resource Officer, Thornton Police Department, “Cyber Safety”**
 - a. Types of cyber safety
 - i. Cyberbullying – one child being mean to another using interactive technologies, however with the internet it can last longer than school yard bullying. This can follow a child anywhere they use their cell phones or log onto the internet.
 - 1. What can be done to help?
 - a. Use safe2tell – link posted on the STEM Launch website and Adams 12 website.
 - b. Don’t erase the proof
 - c. Kids should tell and be comfortable enough to talk to parents, administrators, CSO
 - d. Don’t just stand by and watch!
 - ii. Internet Predators
 - 1. They exist everywhere.
 - 2. Grooming process for predators:
 - a. Appears familiar
 - b. Develops trust
 - c. Establishes secrecy
 - d. Erodes barriers

- e. Direct intimidation
- f. Face to face meeting
- iii. 4 R's of being safe:
 - 1. Recognize
 - 2. Refuse - to give out personal information
 - 3. Respond – assertively by exiting the program
 - 4. Report - any kind of contact that makes the child uncomfortable
- iv. Networking sites helpful to parents:
 - 1. www.socialmediatoday.com/soravjain/195917/40-most-popular-social-networking-sites-world
 - 2. www.nextplease.se
 - 3. www.commonsemmedia.com

7. Q&A

8. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.