



PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 3, 2014

1. Welcome PTO Executive Board
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm by Michelle Sosa. School Administration staff present included Kellie Lauth and Martin McCarthy.

2. Updates from the Principal Kellie Lauth
 - a. Adams 12 district Board meeting held Wednesday April 2 was an amazing success! Students presented STEM projects and the board was very responsive to what they saw.
 - b. www.americachieves.org - parent website designed for how to navigate common core standards. Wealth of information, great opportunities for students
 - c. Farm to Community – April 16 at 6:30 pm at Northglenn High School
 - d. Painting the Town – April 23 from 4-6pm at STEM Launch. Students will be interacting with local and famous graffiti artists. What makes graffiti illegal and what makes it art.
 - e. New Family Welcome night - April 4 for new families. Tour and answer question period for new families with students coming into the school next year.
 - f. Lego Challenge – April 8. There are 45 engineers participating in the event held at the school.
 - g. 8th Grade School Dance – April 10 from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. at STEM Launch gym.

3. Updates from the PTO President Michelle Sosa
 - a. Pass around sign in sheet – crucial
 - b. Election of PTO officers at May 1 meeting. Please take a look at the board duties and see if something might be of interest. Nomination forms must be filled out and submitted to current PTO Executive Board members 7 days prior to the May 1st meeting.
 - i. The PTO is looking to fill every Leadership Team position. Michelle notified the group that the current President (Michelle), Secretary (Melinda) and Treasurer (Linda) will not be running for re-election next school year. These three members originally set out to remain on the board for 2 years to develop and assemble the PTO and to maintain its

- stability into a second year. There are many resources for incoming appointees and these three will be available for questions and insight at any time. Michelle highly encouraged parents to run for office, as the involvement is critical and necessary in order to keep the PTO running. If you are interested in the positions or would like to fill out a [nomination form](#), please visit the [PTO website](#) for more information.
- c. SWELL Picnic (STEM and Wellness picnic)- May 6 from 6:00-8:00 pm
 - i. Visit the website soon for more details.
 - ii. Bike to School Day – day after SWELL Picnic
 - 1. Use Anythink Library parking lot at 7am
 - d. Teacher Appreciation Week – 1st week in May
 - i. Soliciting parent participation for this week in May. A volunteer and donation sign-up sheet will be available soon.
 - ii. If anyone wishes to participate or volunteer please contact Tina Bode at tinambode@gmail.com
 - e. Encourage using King Soopers re-loadable gift cards. This is a simple way to earn money for the school. For more information visit the [website](#).
 - f. Spanish Speaking PTO (Suzy Lujan) - Dine Out night at Tia Maria was held on March 19 and earned the school roughly \$115.
 - i. Owner at restaurant is open for future dine-out nights.
 - g. TSA Update from Bobbie –
 - i. The 2013-14 school year – 23 middle school students and 4 elementary students went to State Competition. Several groups placed in 1st (3 students) and 2nd positions at the competition.
 - 1. 12 students qualified for National Competition (June 27-July1)
 - a. If full funds are not raised Plan B the school will send 1st and 2nd place qualifiers first.
 - ii. Fundraising – spent over \$9,000 between supplies and conferences. The cost to go to nationals is \$10,908. Many reservations for flight and hotel need to be secured by May 1. Several fundraisers have been hosted by the group throughout the school year. Students have solicited funds and spoken to members of the community in order to alleviate financial challenges. Fundraising includes:
 - 1. 6 Zinga nights
 - 2. Parents Casino Night
 - 3. Concession nights
 - 4. Firehouse subs - \$80-90
 - 5. Writing letters to corporations requesting scholarships
 - 6. Donors Choose.com – if awarded they will award \$1200 for 1 experience
 - 7. School board challenge
 - 8. Car wash at the school site

4. Updates from the PTO Treasurer Linda Dellett
a. Cash balance \$12,051.66 as of today
5. Grant Request Voting & Member Survey Melinda Arnold
a. There were several grant requests announced at the meeting requiring a PTO member vote (grant requests over \$250.00). For a complete listing of PTO Grants funded to date please click [here](#). This form can also be downloaded from the [website](#).
i. **Keystone Science School** – 6th grade student will visit Keystone Science School at the end of April. They requested \$30 per student x 141 students = \$4,230. The PTO Executive Board and Principal reviewed the proposal and proposed funding the project at \$2,820. The PTO Members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the funding.
ii. **Model Rocketry Launch** – 8th grade students will be engineering and designing rockets for the end of year science capstone project. They requested \$514.00 for supplies for 210 students. The PTO Executive Board and Principal reviewed the proposal and proposed funding the project at \$514.00. The PTO Members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the funding.
iii. **TSA National Conference** – 10 individuals have qualified and are raising funds to go to the TSA National Conference in Washington DC in June. The PTO Executive Board and Principal reviewed the proposal and proposed funding the project at \$3,000.00. The PTO Members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the funding.
iv. **Field Day Game Rentals** – This grant will serve roughly 250 K-5 students on Field Day (May 16). The request was for \$1,960.00. The PTO Executive Board and Principal reviewed the proposal and proposed funding the project at \$1,000.00 with the school matching the remaining portion. The PTO Members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the funding.
v. **Cross Country Supplies** – 20 students K-5 will be participating in the Cross Country race. They requested \$400.00 for shirts and pins for student participants. The PTO Executive Board and Principal reviewed the proposal and proposed funding the project at \$400.00. The PTO Members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the funding.
6. Cultural Literacy Celebration Lilah Nowick
a. Elementary ESL Teachers – Evening of April 30 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Promote and request support Diversity in Action. Celebration of families, children, reading and culture. 2nd and 3rd grade students doing PBL 'How do

Students become better readers?" This will be an evening of fun and enjoyable learning opportunities for students and families.

- i. Volunteer assistance by parents - Sign up sheet was passed around. Melinda will add to the website and forward interested volunteers to Delilah and Ms. Hundley.

7. Speaker: Jill Collins, RD, LD, Adams 12 District Wellness Coordinator - "School Wellness Team"

- a. Coordinate School Health (Sonja Brown and Michelle Priola will be chairing the event). Healthy students are successful students. The School Wellness Team will consist of the following:
 - i. Physical Education
 - ii. Health Education
 - iii. Health Services
 - iv. Nutrition Services
 - v. Health School Environment
 - vi. Family and Community Involvement
 - vii. Counseling, Psychological and social services
 - viii. Health promotions for staff
- b. School health will eliminate gaps and reduce redundancies across many initiatives and funding streams, as well as build collaboration enhance communication and form partnerships.
- c. Benefits for students – reduced drop out rates, higher concentration levels, less absences
- d. Encouragement for parents to join the STEM Launch teams
 - i. Training and professional development
 - ii. Create a mission and go through the current school health wellness assessment
 - iii. Begin planning how we make a difference and impact on our students
- e. This is a long-term initiative and while awarded grant funding only goes through 2015 with parent involvement, and potential financial investment from the PTO the program will live on.

8. Q&A

9. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm by Michelle Sosa.