

**PTA MEETING
FAIRMOUNT ELEMENTARY
JULY 21, 2010**

This meeting was called to order by President Nicki Ball at 12:40

ATTENDEES: Please see attached sign in sheet.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Former Secretary Kristi Hard asked for comments or changes to the May 4, 2010 meeting minutes. As all members had received either hard copies or emails of the minutes, a motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as written. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Michelle Schiffbauer reported that EVERY classroom will have a Smart Board this year! We will continue to sell the reloadable King Soopers gift cards and there are still some Safeway gift cards (non-reloadable) available for purchase. After those are sold, we will discontinue selling the Safeway cards.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Nicki Ball announced that she was faced with a difficult decision and her children will not be attending Fairmount this year. She will be staying on as President until November 1. The PTA is therefore in need of a new president. Bylaws currently state that the Vice President should take over in such an instance, but our VP is not able to do this. Nicki is looking at having the bylaws changed to reflect the need to fill vacancies by general election. Bylaws will be sent out via email before the next meeting (9/1/2010) for members to look at and hopefully approve at the 9/1/2010 meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Brady Stroup stated that the Mileage Club will take place every day this year. Kids will report the number of laps they have done on an honor system and will receive rewards such as 100 mile Club T-shirts and a trophy at 200 miles.

He is currently receiving bids on the new running track and is close to a final decision.

The Mondo reading program will continue during the 2010-2011 school year.

There is a new plan for all teachers to provide differentiation for all students in math. This will be discussed in detail at curriculum night.

A new school-wide reading log will be launched this year that will be consistent across grades. It will be due on Thursday for all students and each student will get a new one on Fridays.

Care Assemblies will continue to take place each month.

Fairmount has a new part time Assistant Principal, Jean Groteluschen, whom we will be sharing with Westwoods Elementary.

The use of crossing guards will be implemented for afternoon dismissal in order to provide a safer and more manageable atmosphere for all students. Volunteers will be needed for this job and to hand out CARE tickets to students who are well behaved in the bus lines.

Mr. Stroup is looking at ways to bring international language instruction to Fairmount in 2011. One possibility is to purchase Rosetta Stone software for multiple languages. This project will

require many volunteers and lots of parent involvement. Cate Byers volunteered to coordinate the efforts.

COORDINATOR UPDATES: Apparel will display the new firebird logo (same as on the pta website). T-shirts, hoodies (with and without zippers) and caps will be available. The first chance to order will be at registration on August 5.

The BBQ will be held September 17. The Auction will be held separately this year on October 23 at the Denver Kickers Club and will feature a new system for bidding.

NEW BUSINESS: Kohl's is sponsoring a 'Kohl's Cares for Kids 10mm Giveback Contest' through Facebook. You can vote for Fairmount via your Facebook account, for a chance to be one of 20 schools to win \$500,000. Vote up to 5 times each day. Contest closes September 3rd, 2010

Fairmount Clean up Day will be August 21 from 8am-10am. This will be a chance for Fairmount families (adults and children) to spruce up the school grounds prior to the start of the new year by cleaning up trash, pulling weeds, placing new wood chips, etc. Donations of trash bags, wood chips, weed killer, rakes and more will be needed. More details will be sent out prior to the event.

The Fairmount PTA website (fairmountpta.org) has been completely redesigned by Cate Byers and it is AWESOME! A big thanks to Cate for all her hard work on this! The site now includes email links for each board member. And will soon include email links for all committee coordinators.

Cari Roberts will be putting together Tickets for Time. Please touch base with her if you have any questions or needs regarding these.

Does anyone know how to write grants or know someone who does? Fairmount is in need of someone who would be willing to write some for the school.

Registration is August 5. PTA still needs volunteers to help in 2 hour increments. Sign up with Michelle Schiffbauer if you are interested.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF PTA:

- 1) President for 2010-2011 school year. Nicki Ball is more than willing to show someone the ropes for the first couple months of school. The other board members would be happy to split up duties so that it is not an overwhelming job.
- 2) Someone to coordinate crossing guards and other helpers to make afternoon dismissal safer.