



**PTA MEETING
FAIRMOUNT ELEMENTARY
October 5, 2010**

This meeting was called to order by President Nicki Ball at 3:50

ATTENDEES: In attendance at the meeting were the following: Cari Roberts, Lisa Chase, Denise Lazarus, Susan Ganter, Allison Johnson, Amy Stewart, Kayla Vandegrift, Lori Weigel, Cate Byers, Karen Miller, Jody Rector, Kendra Mauger, Heidi Daly, Shanna Peterson, Lisa Driscoll, Carol Jordan, Nicki Ball, Michelle Schiffbauer, Kaye Becker, Kristi Hard, Julie Bianco and Brady Stroup.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Secretary Julie Bianco asked for comments or changes to the September 7, 2010 meeting minutes. As all members had received the minutes via email, 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 & BUDGET: Treasurer Kaye Becker stated that the Student/Parent Breakfast was a great success again this year. Approximately \$1000 was made at the breakfast which met the goal to cover the cost of the event.

The track is complete and the PTA raised all of the funds!! The kids are loving it!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Brady Stroup reviewed the many ways Fairmount is trying to meet the needs of all students including those who need extra help and those who need more challenging. Some of these include:

- Small groups of students in grades 2-6 are being pulled out of class to work with teachers to get the support they need.
- BOSS Readers is an after school reading program for building stronger readers in grades 4-6. There will be a fee, but it is much cheaper than Sylvan or a private tutor.
- Math differentiation is occurring with small groups in each classroom.
- Learning Adventures will be providing before school enrichment programs for advanced and eager learners in math and science.
- A school wide writing program called "Pathways" will begin in January.

Mileage Club is taking place everyday during lunch recess and LOTS of kids have been participating. The students are excited to earn the many great prizes this year.

COORDINATOR UPDATES: The BBQ went very well and close to 1,000 people attended! The Silent Auction is October 23 at the Denver Kicker's Club. Donations are still needed and are due by October 14. Tickets will be \$10 per person.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Ganter proposed an idea for the creation of a Learning Landscape/Educational Garden which would support Fairmount's mission of overall health and wellness for our students. More information can be found on the PTA website at FairmountPTA.org by clicking on the Learning Landscape link. The project would be funded by the PTA through fundraising and grants. A motion was made to make this a line item on the PTA budget. This motion was seconded and approved by the majority of members present.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Room parents are needed for Mrs. Deignan and Ms. Dunn's classes.
- 2-3 people are needed to form an Audit Committee to audit the PTA books. No accounting experience is required and it should only take a few hours.

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2010 at 3:45 in the Fairmount Library. Please note, this is a change from the original date of November 2.