

PTA Meeting Minutes – Mar 9, 2021 – West Campus PTA (Held online via WebEx)

Attendees

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Treasurer's Report

- Heather completed the forms for Colorado PTA membership and dues.
- Membership gross is \$232.89 so far this year and we paid CO PTA the \$87.50 due to them, which left us with \$145.89 as balance from memberships.
- Everything should be in order and checked off the list for CO PTA and membership reporting
- All outstanding checks besides the CO PTA dues have cleared our account (teacher grants).
- Our balance in the PTA account will be around \$4,400 once that last check clears.
- We should be owed a check from King Soopers from grocery cards. Need to check the PTA box over in the next few weeks.

NEW Business

West Facilities Plan

Devra Ashby D11 attended to talk about D11 plans – public affairs officer for D11

- Facilities master plan and academic master plan go hand-in-hand
- Strategic plan adopted in 2018—community endeavor
- A few main factors got us to where we are today—
 - Over a decade of declining enrollment
 - If we do nothing – expected to decline below 20K students (over a decade ago we had 30K)
 - We have more school-aged children residing in the district but kids are going elsewhere
 - Aging infrastructure
 - We're losing ground on capital construction costs
 - We've been on lists for best cities – and we're a growing city – but we have to make sure our facilities and academic plans keep up
- West Middle is Phase 1 of Facilities Masterplan
 - West slated to get a completely rebuilt school
 - Maintaining the architectural integrity of the building will be valued
- Board is considering a \$350 million bond question for November
 - Would NOT impact property taxes

- Potential funding mechanism -- the window for this opp diminishes after November.
- District has refinanced much of its bond debt by 2021
- Please encourage fellow residents to vote in favor in November.
- PLAN: West becomes a traditional Middle School and Elementary kids go to other Westside schools
- The long-term facilities masterplan has a 5-10 year window.
- Questions:
 - When developing plans, which took precedent – academic or facilities?
 - There have been opportunities for parents to give feedback in both
 - Career and tech education is needed – to be revitalized in the HS buildings, for instance.
 - District is continuing to give feedback for the academic plans currently.
 - For instance, if we were to be on a STEM path, for instance, that would impact the facility as well.
 - Will continue to be a collaborative process
 - Will look of building be considered and where will kids go during rebuild?
 - Look and feel of West side building will be considered and the design will be open for input as well
 - Where will kids go while rebuilding? Discussion still in process. Maybe they stay while a building is built where the current track is? This will be discussed.
 - Role of PTA or SAC in Nov election – we relied significantly on these in 2017 to let parents know how important this MLO was
 - Hoping to do this again in the runup to November
 - There is a level of credibility and trust with community members that’s powerful – so as we get back to school late July/August we’ll roll out a campaign and ask PTAs and SACs to participate.
 - Will West be larger? Probably -- would help take some of the pressure off Holmes and grow a bigger population at West.

Anthony Carlson – engaged with D11

- Positive growth goes as far as D11 does
- Excited to help district out to help deliver positive outcomes to D11
- One thing he’s excited about w these plans is the silver lining of the process of it – positions the district strongly in that education won’t look the same
- This is a huge opportunity to line up D11 with the future of education

MORE INFO: www.d11.org/rebuilding

We will post the video on the West website

Teacher Grants

- 1 held over from last time -- Ms. Gillespie requests \$250 for Teachers Pay Teachers
 - She’s looking for resources to make her curriculum more fun and engaging
 - YES, this passes
- 2nd request – Rebecca Walker music teacher \$79.27 for replacement boomwackers (you hit them and they make a sound) – YES, this passes

Building membership

- Karen did Loop messages and personal phone calls and has tried to drum up more support for PTA
- She'll continue to share info and hopefully we'll get some additional folks once everybody is back in the building.

Next Meeting

April 13, 2021 – Zoom – Jen Stevens will set it up

- Alert parents via Loop and FB page
 - Loop text to Middle - Kelly Brakefield KELLY.BRAKEFIELD@d11.org
 - Loop text to Elem - Tina Reeves TINA.REEVES@d11.org