

PTA Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2021 – West Campus PTA (Held online via Zoom)

Attendees

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Treasurer's Report

Current balance \$4,339

Planning ahead: The only remaining requirement for Treasury this year will be the Audit. Heather will put together everything but will need two people to review and sign off. (Shane and Jen can sign it.)

This occurs sometime after the end of this school year.

New Business

Teacher appreciation – last week, PTA funded lunch for all the teachers in the building. We bought breakfast burritos from Alfonso's.

PTA is sponsoring the graduation yard signs for 8th graders. In-person kids will take theirs home, remote kids will pick theirs up when they turn in their computers. And anybody leftover—teachers will deliver the signs to them.

Review of Projects this School Year

We funded—

- Lots of teacher grants for everything from musical instruments to curriculum boosters
- Teacher appreciation—coffee and cookies in the teacher's lounge at the beginning of the year

- Food-Aid Fundraiser (direct donation) around the holidays—raised \$5,650 to distribute to families
- Chipotle Fundraiser—school got portion of sales one evening
- Teacher appreciation—breakfast burritos delivered
- Clothing donation

Additional activities we've sponsored in years past (not feasible due to covid)—

- Color run fundraiser at the end of the year (kids raise funds, earn colors to throw based on how much they raise (the bar to entry is really low so everybody gets some to throw)
- Carnival for elementary kids (this was a break-even proposition—great for community building)

Officers Needed for Next School Year (none of the current officers will have students at West—already two of the three don't)

- President – currently Shane McCarthy
- Secretary – currently Jen Stevens
- Treasurer – currently Heather Foster

Autumn indicated she'd be willing to help—Jen will email her

School/Teacher News

- Shirley Kindt (Kindergarten) retiring
- Anne Yenne (Elem dean/4-5 teacher) retiring
- Christie Gillespie (MS math/science) getting married
- Sara Tusler (MS counselor) getting married
- Ann VanWey (MS English/Language Arts) is retiring
- Hannah Williams (MS Special Ed) having a baby

Next School Year

- first order of business needs to be recruitment
- Open House is currently set for August 19 (would be great if PTA had a table there)

Next Meeting – next school year

- September 14 PTA Meeting → assuming we'll be in person, parents want to be there. So if we can do that in the fall that would be great. Once the year starts, will see what people prefer; Online or in person.

To Do

Jen will send out the King Sooper's info again to the school to distribute via the Loop (see below)

NOTE: Alert parents to things 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

Subject: PTA report – Thank you! Grocery Cards Deliver Super Reward to West

Dear West Parent,

Just a quick note to say THANK YOU to everybody who's already enrolled in the "Grocery Card" program through King Soopers. It has raised more than \$7,000 for the West Campus PTA over the last 18 months.

It's effectively FREE MONEY for us and we just plow it right back into our community in the form of funds for teacher grants, the school food bank, field trips, and fun activities for the kids like the carnival and the color run (when we can host these, of course—don't worry, we will again).

If you're not yet enrolled in this program, we'd sure appreciate it if you would. It's easy and it costs you nothing. You just attach your loyalty card number to West Campus PTA and every time you shop, we get a percentage. You don't do anything you wouldn't do anyway. It all happens in the background. Here's how to do it:

How to Connect your King Soopers loyalty card to our West Campus PTA account:

- a. Go to www.kingsoopers.com
- b. Login using your King Soopers card # or alternate ID (that's often your tel #)
- c. Click on "My Account."
- d. Click on "Community Rewards."
- e. Search for West Campus PTA or KC862
- f. Click "Enroll."

And please ask your family and friends to do so as well. It's the most no-brainer, low-effort, high-impact way there is for us to raise funds that directly benefit our West community.

Thank you!

Jen Stevens
West Campus PTA Secretary