

Timber Trail Education Alliance Meeting Minutes

August 15th, 2016

Meeting called to order by Page Warnke at 9am

Introductions & Welcome Back

Michelle Radke Updates

- This has been a great start to the school year and there is a lot of positivity throughout the school from staff to students to parents. Big thank you to our school community for fostering this environment.
- Staff attended a leadership team conference in July which was a big success
- Reminder: TTE starts 5 minutes early, thus affording the staff the opportunity to have two additional Professional Development Days. For this year, these days will be the Monday after Fall Break (Oct 17th) and the Monday after Spring Break (Mar 27th)
- The Douglas County School District will be conducting surveys for all parents, district wide. To provide input on the questions included in these surveys, you can attend one of the following three sessions:
 - o Aug 20th, 9.30AM Rock Canyon HS
 - o Aug 23rd, 9.30AM Chaparral HS
 - o Aug 25th, 9.30AM Castle View HS
- TTE has a new building engineer, Dan Golden, as well as a new company for night crew cleaning
- Reminder for Kindie parents – no curriculum night. Orientation was done last Spring
- Zpass Updates:
 - o For those that ride the bus, there is a new Z Pass that requires students to actually scan the badge when on and off boarding the bus. Parents are encouraged to get retractable badge reel with carabiner. Example: https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_c_1_20?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=retractable+badge+carabiner&srefix=retractable+badge+ca%2Caps%2C184
 - o Of note, with the new Z Pass, parents can sign up to receive text messages for the times the badge was scanned alerting you your child got on/off the bus
- Michelle Radke will be attending a meeting with the district, developer and City of Castle Pines on 17Aug to discuss risk management regarding the construction of the building on the intersection of Monarch and CP Parkway. Traffic patterns, high traffic times with drop off will be discussed. Company tentatively plans to break ground in about a month, but building permit has not yet been pulled.

Move a Thon (MaT) – Sept 22nd, 2016

- Michelle noted that Douglas County employs Site Based Budgeting meaning that she can decide how to spend the money received from the district.
- District gives each school approx. \$4k per student to cover all staff except Special Education
- At the end of last year, Michelle budgeted for 530 students, but enrollment came in at 493 this year resulting in approx. \$120k that must be paid back to the district after count day on Oct 1st confirms total students. This is the equivalent of about 1.5 teachers. Michelle stressed that there will not be any changes to staffing and she has been planning for “a rainy day” and that rainy day has come.
- As a result, MaT is more important than ever this year. Michelle is able to spend district money on people and TTEA is able to supplement that by spending money on things – technology, furniture, etc.

Debbie Clemente & Dawn Smith Presentation and Technology Update

- Every 3rd-5th grader has a chromebook assigned to them with their name actually on it
- Every 2nd grader has a chromebook and an ipad assigned to them
- Every K-1st grader has an iPad available for use
- Important to note that these devices serve different functions – google docs v. iMovie, etc.
- Debbie and Dawn attended the International Society for Technology in Education this summer

Maker Spaces:

- Goal is to add maker spaces to TTEA. See www.makerspaces.com for info
- Teachers and students are challenged with sharing ideas and experiences on how to implement technology in teaching, learning and PBLs
- Parents and their businesses are encouraged to partner with TTE on maker spaces and problem solving through technology
- Some products that will assist students in experimenting their ideas to improve PBLs and are on TTE's wish-list: Little Bots; Bloxel; Filming equipment (go pros, microphones etc); Education Legos; 3D printer.

President's Report

- A monthly TTEA calendar will be going home in the last Thursday folder of each month. We already received a yellow one for August
- There will be a Watchdog Dad Informational Meeting on Tuesday, August 30 at 6:15 in cafeteria. It's okay to bring kids and pizza will be provided. They need more participants in this
- Heidi Bowman will be the Castle Pines Connection liaison this year to keep the community informed about happenings at TTE
- Thanks to Stacey Kimberly for organizing Edukits/school supplies; Kelly Ann Foe for Spirit Wear; Erika Greene and Jill Cook for Kickball; Kimberly McCarthy for lunch for teachers before school started;

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance is \$40,357.67
- You can find the school year budget on the TTEA website under the "Your Money at Work" http://www.timbertrailparents.org/cms/pages/Your_Money_At_Work.aspx

Free Ways TTEA Can Earn Money:

- Each incoming Kindie parent received a King Soopers gift card pre-filled with \$2.50. Please re-load and use this to buy groceries and gas. This is an easy way for TTEA to make money at no cost to parents. You can still earn airline miles, etc. by reloading the gift card with your credit card then paying for the groceries with the gift card. If you need another card contact Jen Alexander. Raised \$1000 in July.
- Additional ways TTEA can earn money at no cost to parents:
 - o use the drycleaner across from the library and tell them you are from TTE
 - o collect box tops (make sure your class has a collection box/ja – raised \$1400 last year)
 - o Turn in rinsed Longmont Dairy plastic caps (collection box in Town Center)

Volunteers/Move a Thon

- There will be a sign up genius for people to help with the Move-a-Thon on 9/22. Many day-of volunteers will be needed. New families and kindergarten parents will receive information regarding what Move-a-Thon is soon. Kickoff will be August 31. There will be an assembly for kids and packets will go home. Fundraising starts September 1.
- Sponsorship Opportunities - If you or someone you know is interested in getting their business name out into the TTE community, \$500 sponsorship's get you signage and logos on shirts etc. For more information contact Kimberly McCarthy, TTEA's VP.

Kickball

- Currently full and as of now, there is a wait list of about 9 families. Shirts can be picked up outside at drop off or sent home with your son Sept 8th.

Website

- Make sure your family is registered on the TTEA website (www.timbertrailparents.org)

Room Parents

- Sign up sheets available in classrooms during curriculum night
- Information meeting soon to discuss role of Room Parent

Enrichment

- Look out for information on Mad Science; Chess Club and Girls on the Run

Literacy

- More communication on the program coming in Thursday folders.
- Log will now be for number of days of reading, not number of minutes (unfair to kindies/slower readers)
- Class prizes instead of individual prizes also end of year prize.

Event Dates

- Every Tuesday: Spirit day to wear TTE wear or gray and blue
- Sept 20th: First Community Event at Smart Cow in Castle Rock – all day, mention TTE
- Oct 17th: Box Tops due. Class with the most wins a pizza party

Open Committees – Contact TTEA if interested

- Daddy/Daughter Dance Chair
- Community Events Chair
- Treasurer for 2017-18 school year

Adjourn 10.25am

Next Meeting Sept 12th.

Attendance:

Anna Mallinson
Lisa Linn
Melanie Christensen
Jolene Richardson
Jill Alexander
Shanda Brabec
Erika Greene
Jill Cook
Patrick Dunn
Jennifer Cox
Shannon Terry
Kifah Thaut
Pam Fields
Anna Miner
Stacey Kimberly
Angela Jones
Allison Kreycik
Kim Kreuger
Nicole Koenig
Lisa Massey
Jamie Edwards
Shawna Pruett
Sarah Boeke
Andrea Lamb
Kari Carillo
Amy Ball
Kimberly McCarthy
Whitney Shank
Page Warnke