

Meeting Minutes Timber Trail PTO September 12, 2022 – TTE Library

Introduction – Jessie welcomed the group and does an ice breaker. Introductions are done. Thanks are offered to the kickball volunteers. The position for kickball chair will be open again next year. Battle of the Books still requires a chairperson as well. A few people have volunteered but we need a leader.

Principal Update – Michele discussed the Mill Levy Override (MLO). She shared a video from the Douglas County School District website that went over the basics of the MLO and can be found here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QsW5iRYVSo>

The MLO will increase staffs' pay to close the gap between DCSD and other school districts, most notably Cherry Creek School District where teacher salaries average \$18,000 more than DCSD.

The Colorado Measure of Academic Standards (CMAS) standardized test results have come in and Timber Trail did exceptionally well. Michele stated the school does not study for this test but the results reflect the great work that is going on in the classrooms and how well our teachers and students are doing.

Michele presented multiple opportunities for volunteering at school (in the classroom, room parent, class photographer, parties, shelving library books, Thursday folders, Timberwolf Trot, PTO community events) and where the school needs volunteers. She suggested tasks like landscaping, staining the fence, Battle of the Books, Odyssey of the Minds, and many other opportunities. Dawn let Michele know that she will put together a Sign-Up Genius to help get these tasks completed. The school has not held an Odyssey of the Mind in years, but if parents are interested in volunteering for this, Michele welcomed the idea.

This year, since the district is short on bus drivers, the district is not providing transportation for field trips except for Outdoor Ed for 5th grade. Teachers are scheduling in-house visitors to come teach the kids a field trip type lesson (Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Botanic Gardens, etc). Outdoor Ed will also have a longer window to pay for the fee than in previous years.

An intruder drill will be held on Friday 9/16/22. The staff are trained in the morning and the drill is practiced in the second half of the day. There are two of these a year. If you do not want your child to participate, please let your teacher know and your child can be picked up early from school.

Website Update – Leah provided an overview of the Timbertrailparents.org website. On the website you can find upcoming events, Teacher's Favorite Things, and a family directory if you have opted in to sharing your info. She requested updated information on the Timber Trail Trot.

MLO/Bond - The PTO will be painting cars on Wednesday, September 14th if you'd like yours painted to show support for the MLO. This will be done off school grounds in the adjacent neighborhood. Reach out to Kimberly McCarthy if you can help out or have questions. Please support our teachers and vote this MLO into place.

Spirit Wear – Dawn is managing the Spirit Wear and it is ready for the 22-23 school year. It will be available all year long and new gear will be added throughout the year.

Treasurer Update – The budget is passed out and has been updated. If you are in a volunteer position and need to be reimbursed, the new form can be found on the PTO website. Each teacher gets \$200 reimbursed by the PTO for their classroom supplies. It is brought up that there is a grant for classrooms to receive additional funding that can be found on the DCSD website.

Volunteer Updates – Please let Dawn know sooner than later if you need volunteers for any events. The more time she has to advertise, the better outcome she receives.

Timber Trail Trot – Jenny will be organizing the website and information will come out 9/15/22 to families. The headbands for each grade have been ordered. The event has volunteers, but more are welcome to join to help facilitate the biggest fundraiser the school has each year. The date of the Trot is October 6th with the rain date the following week. The fund raiser goal has been increased this year to \$35k. The sponsorship signs are in the PTO shed and can be placed out front at any time.

Room Parents – Cristina asked that all room moms stay for the kickoff meeting after the PTO meeting is complete.

Secretary – Meeting minutes from August went out last month. A motion was made to approve the minutes and they will be available on the City's website.

Community Events – The Freddy's Dinner for Dollars event raised \$216. Kneaders reached out to the school and would like host on 9/15/22 and they give 20% of the proceeds. Berg House will host on 10/11/22. There will be at least one a month.

The Outreach team is collecting clothing from kids sizes up to adult; socks and underwear must be new. In the month of November, there will be a food drive. December will be an Angel Tree.

The movie night will be 9/22/22. Popcorn and gelato provided. The event starts at 6:15 pm with the movie beginning at 7:15 pm.

Ideas for community outreach are welcome.

Questions – *Will there be a book fair?* Michele said libraries have been asked to move away from Scholastic Book Fairs due to the way they pay the schools and due to the quality of the books. The DLMC asks school libraries to purchase books from Follet. This does not apply to the Scholastic Magazines that are used in the classrooms.

Is the library missing books? If so, how can the PTO help with this? The library is currently missing around 400 books. Funds from the Timberwolf Trot can be used to purchase books.

Closing – Jessie thanked everyone for coming.

Attendees:

Dawn Medina (Volunteer Coordinator)
Jessie Kenny (Co President)
Elyse Schelin
Desiree Gentile (Treasurer)
Cheri Delgado
Jolene Richardson
Kimberly McCarthy
Claire Bryant
Jessica Woodard
Gina Lubber
Jen Barney
Sarah Cervi
Jana Krell (Secretary)

Jenna Wilson
Rae Ann Ramirez
Michelle Higgins
Taryn Bagrosky
Jenelle Edson
Emily Fera
Cristina Hulley
Leah Enquist (Web Manager)
Lindsey Gertz (Co Pres)
Victoria Ashcraft
Aimee Valuck
Jenny Kowal
Michele Radke (TTE Principal)