

Niwot Elementary School's PTAC General Meeting Minutes Tuesday October 18, 2016

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Blondeau at 9:22am with 17 members present (7 Board members; 10 regular members).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Overview of the agenda was provided.

Todd Piccone - Niwot Elementary Proposed Traffic Plan - Reconstruction

- Main goal is to separate bus and car traffic
- Increase parent queuing - triple the amount of current space; includes a drive lane
- Bus drop off loop on west side of school; will double as a surface play during the day as the bus drop off is not fenced off.
- Additional staff parking - out of the mix of drop off / pick up
- Accessibility to sidewalks, (incorporating one on the north side of Morton and widening the south side) is a concern - A conversation has been initiated with Boulder County regarding walkers and bikers to and from the school; bike rack location(s).
- Z Pass Plus - ability to monitor students getting on and off the bus for those students open enrolled.
- Broad discussion regarding bus transportation within the school district
- \$1.2million currently identified for this project
- Security entrance is not committed for Summer 2017 but the project will proceed accordingly during the summer.

Growth plans extend out for the district and predictions are made based on expected growth. This information is then used to discuss future of existing and new school constructions. It is written in Board Policy and can be found on the district website. A reserve account does not exist for building schools and it must go back to Voters when time warrants.

Hadley Solomon: Grassroots St Vrain

Formed in 2008 when significant number of teachers were cut.

Important videos on website explaining the funding of school budgets in the state of Colorado.

Leadership St Vrain provides an abundant amount of information regarding financing.

Colorado State Funding Formula - video (operating budgets)

Local Dollars for Local Schools - video

Last yr SVVSD received \$28million less in 2015 due to the Negative Factor; 63% State 37% local MLO - 2008 and 2012: additional \$1200 per students (this is a permanent change - usually operating expenses)

Current Bond Issue: last bond was 2008; SVVSD is growing at 800 students/yr: \$260 million (relatively smaller bond to those surrounding districts) will address school repairs / security / space for innovation centers

(What it means for Niwot Elementary: bus and parking routes, internal upgrades)

Colorado is the only state where legislature cannot raise taxes on its own.

Amendment 23 (2010) - mandatory increase for per pupil funding: Inflation +1% for 10 yrs and then inflation only after.

- Talent Show - March 22-23
- Summer Learning Program Winners are posted! Top 3 received certificates. Highest classroom will get a Popsicle party with Mrs Pitz. Kids were more excited about bringing back Paws to the classroom than a gift card.

V.P. of FUNDRAISING REPORT: Presented by Julie Jensen, VP of Fundraising

- Refer to link for slides.
- Niwot Trot Student Winners - announced
- Niwot Trot - 394 participants / 178 students - evenly supported through grades: \$4,287 profit
- Informal feedback has been provided and a survey will be sent out for additional ideas on possible improvements, (timing was a great add but we did not break even with the new devices and will be looking at improving nex year). Overall a great and positive event.
- Box Tops - refer to link for slides
- Other Fundraising Activities - refer to link for slides
- Grocery Cards - will also be available on movie night

Treasurer Report - Presented by Jamie Heckman, Treasurer

- Refer to link for slides.

CLOSING:

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

Respectfully submitted,

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