

CHCS Elementary Parent Council
Minutes
October 14, 2009

Second Parent Council Meeting of 2009-2010
Meeting Facilitator: Lisa Treadwell

Called to Order and Opening Prayer
Lisa Treadwell opened with prayer.

Introductions

A total of 42 people attended the meeting and gave their personal introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Melissa Cox and seconded by Melissa Clark.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Bignell welcomed all attending the meeting. Talked about a book he was reading "Too Busy Not to Pray". He suggested that we all be specific in our prayer request in order to be heard. Health and Safety for your children is a top concern for our administration with news of the spread of H1N1. Absent rate is 7.7% and our normal rate is around 2%. That rate is still low considering some other schools current rates. Fall Campaign is kicking off expect to receive something soon. As always a 50% tax break for non-specific gifts. Spring Concert event is 98% done with Chris Tomlin for April 8th. The contract is being finalized and we hope to have it signed this week. 25th Year celebration might be tied into last two weeks of school.

Principal Report

Mrs. Wasem discussed the current warm clothing drive. She thanked Heidi Gonzalez for heading the drive. We have t-shirts on sale that corresponds with Chapel driven message. Discipline Referrals are down this year and we hope it is due to the Chapel message that the children are receiving. Report cards on line Monday on RenWeb for parents. Mrs. Wasem will be doing teacher white board observations Oct and Jan to follow-up on the use of the boards.

Financial Report

Anne MacDonald reviewed the financial report for the current school year. Teacher Luncheon expense is going to be around \$4,000 with the elementary school responsible for 2/3rds of that expense (\$2680). Dad and Me breakfast cost is going to be \$2880 but will be recouped after everyone has paid for the event.

RenWeb

Kendra Moede showed everyone how to use RenWeb effectively. It is the teachers #1 way to communicate with parents. Parents can print a school directory from the site by class or for the whole school. Parents can also update information including pick up list. Please allow 24 hours for the pick up list to be active. All newsletters are placed on the

site for parents. Kendra will be working on a cheat sheet for parents on the use of RenWeb that will be ready in a few days.

Old Business

Cookbook volunteers still needed. Todd Hopkins will be checking with Jostens to see if they have a format we can use. Sign-up sheet sent around the room for volunteers. Hot Lunch volunteers also needed for Tue and Thurs. Signup sheet sent around the room looking for volunteers.

New Business

Mary Flo Ridley event is coming to Cherry Hills November 14 630pm-8pm. "Shaping Your Child's Sexual Character" lecture helps parents in the day to day discussions facing them and their children. Childcare will be available for \$14 and please register in advance. Books and video will be available to buy. Please contact Melissa Cox at Melissa@coxcreative.com if you have any questions.

Teachers Christmas Luncheon is Dec 14th for all staff, teachers and teacher assistants. It's a catered luncheon with volunteer parents cooking fresh baked cookies and treats for the teachers to take home. Elementary schools portion of the amount is \$2680. Motion by Lisa Treadwell with Landon Dees second. Approved.

Lov-A-Lunch issues to be sent directly to them and please cc Shelly Beard so we can keep track of all issues. Mrs. Wasem stated she ordered it this month for herself and has noticed some inconsistencies with the portion sizes.

Book Fair

Kim Christenson discussed the upcoming Book Fair November 9th-12th. CHCS is the fourth largest book fair in the United States. Last year we sold over \$35,000 worth of books. They have 3 goals this year. First one is 1 for Books break dress code day. Their goal is \$2500. Second goal is donate books to library. Library table will be setup with the goal of replacing worn books at the library and also to be ready for a possible library expansion.

The last goal is Juarez Build a Book program that requires a donation of \$10. Children can make their own books in their own language. Family night will be the Tierney Family who are legends in the world of Lacrosse. Coach Bill Tierney and his son Trevor coach at Denver University and are at the top of lacrosse. Matt Brown of the Outlaws will also be there to sign sticks on November 10 6-8pm. They are always in need of volunteers for setup and breakdown. Please contact Kim Christenson or Katie Soderquist if your interested in helping.

Guest Speaker Kelly Tenkely

Mrs. Tenkely went over various websites that are educational. She went over the new mathematics website www.macmillianmh.com that has our student's complete books online that also has interactive games. Access codes for this can be found in teacher newsletters that can be found on RenWeb. First through 3rd grades have their spelling words listed on www.spellingcity.com under Kelly Tenkely. Fourth grade does the

spelling words differently and can't be listed on the site. Mrs. Tenkely also said that you can go to her site <http://tenkely.org> that has interactive games and select by grade level. Mrs. Tenkely also said that the goal of computer class is to teach the students how to use a computer effectively and not make them good typist. There are things that are games listed on her site to help them with typing speed. She will be holding a Typing Olympics and the winner get to free break dress code day.

Adjournment at 9:55 am

Next meeting is scheduled at November 11, 2009 at 8:30 TBA. Library might be used please watch the Mini Roar.