

**25 in attendance**

**KLES PTA General Meeting -- November 15, 2011 6:38 – 8:00**

* Approve Minutes (2 minutes- Lara Center)-reviewed and motion approved.
* Welcome & Introductions (5 minutes)
* Budget, Treasurer’s Report / Logo Wear/Kings (Shannon Willis –5 minutes)-Almost $3000 in cookie dough sales. $1200 from King Soopers uploads for the month.
* Principal’s Address (Barbara Gunther – 10 minutes)-Thank you for Special Persons’ Breakfast. Please come to Math Night this Thursday-organized and run by teachers. Acuity scores to be reviewed by Mrs. Gunther and teachers after Thanksgiving break.
* Lakewood Challenge Grant (Molly Synder–3 minutes)-PTA applied for a grant from the Lakewood Legacy Foundation to match funds dollar for dollar every dollar the community raises from King Soopers over $6000 for the school year.
* Holiday House (Megan Fowler –3 minutes)-Need more volunteers to help staff the shop.
* Box Tops/ Student Services (Katelyn Prybella- 3 minutes)-SS meets once per month open to grades 4-6. Agenda each month. Thanksgiving boxes (18 of them) are assembled and going to KLES families in need. Planning a mystery mentor program where staff write notes to encourage struggling students. Volunteer celebration in April/May funded by Box Tops program. Will buy lanyards for 6th grade for outdoor lab. Student Service also works on helping 6th grader meet their community service hours under the MYP program.
* Meet our New School Board Members ( 30 minutes)-Lesley spoke about being new to school board and being thankful for being elected to board. Well governed boards produce good results. Need to hear from 70% of citizens who no longer have kids in school. Wants to hear thoughts of parents, teachers, staff, etc. Jill Fellman has taught for many years; graduated from Patterson Elementary. It’s all about kids. Excited to be on the board, working with Lesley. Concerned about the job at hand; cutting $70 million from school budget over the next two years. Every day, every kid.
* Introductions
* Question and Answer
  + Class size versus teacher pay. Parents need to voice their priorities about where cuts can happen.
  + Need to be fair and consistent across the county with cuts.
  + Would like to see extracurricular enrichment opportunities at the Middle School level.
  + Colorado has implemented reforms in accountability, assessment, etc. but is cratering with regards to funding.
  + Hoping to see legislature unbundle the tax policy mess created by Gallagher and Amendment 23.
  + Stay in communication with the school board by coming to board meetings individually or as a group during public comments. Email board members and be clear about what bond and mill dollars would mean to you *specifically*.
* Minor Fundraiser (Amanda Camacho-3minutes)-Looking at a few more dinners-Chipotle gives 50% back to school on family dinner nights.
* Special Person’s Breakfast (Tammy Kerr -2 minutes)
* Hello Book (Silvija- 2-minutes)-Available on website.
* Extracurriculars (Julia Brunner – 3 minutes)-Spanish teacher teaches in Alameda area and will teach on Friday afternoons. No Sign Language this year. Sign up but not often as we want a lot of kids to have the chance to participate in programs.
* Mother/Son Bowling (Kathi Amori – 3 minutes)-Sunday January 29th. $5 per couple. Kathi spoke with Brandy Dunn about details of event-ie., pictures, desserts, door prizes, etc.
* PTA board elections (Tammy – 5 minutes)-Secretary stepping down as of January. Need volunteers to submit interest for secretary position. The board will choose a replacement. Need to put together a nominating committee in January/February to replace the entire board for fall 2012.
* Chart ideas for future meeting (Michele- 5minutes)-
  1. COPTA Speakers Bureau
  2. Parenting/behavior issues
  3. Internet safety
  4. College: financial game
  5. Education Policy
  6. Helping Kids with homework
  7. Interpreting Assessment Data
  8. Parents supporting teachers
  9. Middle/High School Options (IB for my kid?)
  10. Articulation area school options
* New Business, Questions, Comments, Concerns (5 minutes)