

**Sierra PTA General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 15 at 6:30pm**  
**Sierra Elementary Cafeteria**

- 1. Welcome/Call to Order 6:30 (Amy Nitta)**
- 2. Principal Update (Troy Brickley)**
  - a. There is an Early Release tomorrow (3/16/18)**
    - i. Teachers will spend the remainder of the day learning more about Thinking Maps from Jenny Fredrickson - Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher from Jeffco**
  - b. Testing**
    - i. 3-6th grades will be taking CMAS in April**
  - c. Conferences**
    - i. They went well, if a parent was unable to attend teachers are happy to setup a conference at any time.**
    - ii. 1st Grade has a different structure, their conferences will take place April 11th and 12th**
  - d. Kindergarten**
    - i. So far there are 57 full day and 11 ½ day kindergarteners registered for next year**
    - ii. Ideally there would be 3 full day kindergarten classes and 1 ½ day class, but that is yet to be determined.**
  - e. Playground**
    - i. It cannot be opened until it has passed inspection, in order to pass inspection it must be completed, safe and meet ADA requirements.**
    - ii. They are waiting on asphalt plants to reopen in order to pour pathways.**
    - iii. Question: Can we get new stuff to play with, while we are waiting?**
      - 1. They are looking into purchasing new items**
      - 2. The items have to be safe and certified**
  - f. Field Day**
    - i. To finalize plans for Field Day, must hear back from City of Arvada for permission to use park.**
    - ii. Otherwise it might not be possible to have Field Day this year.**
- 3. YMCA Update (Lennon Thompson)**
  - a. Spring Break Camp is available**
  - b. There will be 3 locations for Summer Camp (Duncan YMCA, Weber Elementary, and 3 Creeks Elementary)**
  - c. The YMCA will be providing care at Oberon next year**
- 4. PTA Officer Elections (Lisa Mackey and Jenny Logan)**
  - a. Amy Nitta nominated LeeAnn Garcia for VP of Membership, she accepted**

- b. Other board positions previously nominated and accepted were: Amy Nitta - President, Kim Nolte - VP of Community Events, and Kristen Hinkle - Secretary.
  - c. All those nominated were voted in unanimously through show of hands.
  - d. Current open board positions are: Treasurer and VP of Committees.
5. PTA Updates
- a. Silent Auction (Kim Nolte)
    - i. This years net is currently \$8,900, expected to be around \$9,000.
  - b. Carnival (Kim Nolte)
    - i. Thursday, April 26th 5-8pm
    - ii. PTA is supplementing the difference in wristband costs - it will be \$5.00 per band.
    - iii. There will be food trucks for dinner and dessert (Pile High Burgers, Mac N' Noodles, A Bit O' Boston, Scrumptious, Kona Ice)
  - c. Science Fair (Jodie Miller)
    - i. There are 71 registered projects, 87 participants
    - ii. Prizes will be handed out in each category/level (6 total)
  - d. Reflections (Amy Nitta)
    - i. Sierra had one winner at the state level second grader Annan Waldick, he will be moving on to nationals
    - ii. Reflections celebration will be during the last PTA meeting (May 10th)
  - e. Teacher appreciation week/brunch (Amy Nitta)
    - i. The brunch will be on Friday May 11th
    - ii. There will be a week long celebration that will involve the kids and PTA giving back to teachers
6. Volunteers Needed for Next Year (Amy Nitta)
- a. Reflections
    - i. Heidi volunteered to run this program this year, even though she did not have a child at Sierra anymore
    - ii. If we do not have someone volunteer, we will be unable to run this program next year
  - b. Room parent coordinator
  - c. Library volunteer coordinator
7. Approve Minutes (Amy Nitta)
- a. Motion by Kristen Hinkle to approve the meeting minutes from Sept 7, 2017, motion seconded and a vote to approve was unanimous.
  - b. Motion by Lisa Mackey to approve the meeting minutes from Dec 7, 2017, motion seconded and a vote to approve was unanimous.
8. Finance Committee Report (Kim Nolte)
- a. There is a \$21,000.00 overage. The Financial Committee met to decide what to do with that money.

- i. They decided that the money shouldn't all be spent at once, especially since the PTA is moving towards a new fundraising model for next year.
  - ii. They decided to spend  $\frac{1}{3}$  now
- b. Carnival wristbands
  - i. PTA will be supplementing cost of wristbands, making them \$5.00 per band to purchase for students
- c. Committee proposals
  - i. Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits (Sydney Beck)
    - 1. This would cost \$6,500.00, it would purchase 4th and 5th grade kits and supplemental books for the lower grade levels as well.
    - 2. This is a state approved intervention
    - 3. The school currently has K-3rd grade kits
    - 4. There are 12-16 kids per grade that use these interventions
    - 5. 4th and 5th grades need grade level appropriate kits, they are currently using 3rd grade kits, which are appropriate reading levels, but not age appropriate
  - ii. Google Summit + Mystery Science (Christy Yacano)
    - 1. This would cost \$6,500.00, it would purchase Google Summit registrations for every teacher who wants to attend and a Mystery Science subscription for the entire school.
    - 2. Google Summit is an educational conference that teaches teachers how to utilize anything compatible with Google. This can be used in the classroom immediately.
    - 3. Mystery Science is a science program that normally costs \$1,500 per year, there is a special discount that makes it \$500 per year if ordered by June 30th.
  - iii. Cargo net for gym + half the cost of Google Summit + Depth and Complexity Kits (Maria Peters, Sydney Beck)
    - 1. Maria explained the developmental, physical, cognitive and mental/emotional benefits of the cargo net (she also had a handout explaining these benefits as well)
    - 2. Sydney explained that Depth and Complexity (differentiation framework) assists in higher level learning, they would like to purchase 4 kits, it is appropriate for grades K-12.
  - iv. Mr Brickley's Proposal
    - 1. The school can pay for the cargo net from FFE funds
    - 2. Mystery Science subscription can be purchased from Library funds
    - 3. Leaving two choices to vote on:
      - a. Literacy Intervention Kits
      - b. Google Summit + Depth and Complexity Kits

**v. Vote**

- 1. The results of the paper ballot was to purchase Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits.**

**9. Adjourn 7:30 (Amy Nitta)**