

# October 3, 2025 PTO Meeting

Board Members Present: Megan Maguire, Anna Abboud, Sasha Schwartz, Sophie Berglund, Theresa Schultz

Attendees: Theresa Schultz, Peter Minor, Kristin Ashbrook-Kovar, John Williams, Brian Sullivan, Bry Myers, Shayna Linn, Kristin Larson, Melissa Zenz, Andy Wapiennik, Vivienne McGuire, Craig Draayer, Karen Colbert, Maja Skret, Adi Diner, Anna Abboud, Leticia DeSimone, Sasha Schwartz, Kathleen Doody, Chelsea Colwyn, Kendra Posner, Kim, Jade

## *Mesa Thrives Update*

- Sophia Berglund and Anna Abboud
- \$77,000 raised so far
- Reached our goal with outstanding company matches and monthly disbursements to come throughout the year
- Teachers and paras are fully-funded
- Participation is at 75% overall

## *Vote of September Minutes*

- Motion to approve: Megan McGuire
- Second: Anna Abboud
- Approved by all

## *Principal's Report*

- Open-houses at Mesa upcoming in November and December
- District-wide showcases happening at CU event center October 22nd, 5-8pm
  - Unsure on increase in enrollment as result of event, but Mesa will attend
  - Looking for parent volunteers to staff table in half hour increments
- Principal coffee October 10th at 8:30am
  - Available for questions, community building, field trips, school safety, and general open-house to chat with him
  - Ms M (counselor), Ms Rosen, and Carrie Burger will also attend
- Math department in Boulder valley completed video on new math materials
  - Curriculum hasn't changed, but materials have changed
  - All schools will follow new materials beginning next year - Mesa was an early adopter (Phase I)
- Video played "What is IM"
- Discussion around complexity of IM and difficulty in math learners feeling more "failure" in curriculum
  - Both teachers and students are feeling challenge in the emphasis on critical thinking, problem solving, and necessary of failure toward academic growth

- It's important to have citizens, students, children, and workers who are flexible and inclined toward non-prescriptive thinking - the long-game may be beneficial for our children
- SAC: ?planning a math night in November?
  - Kids/families would likely be welcome to join
- Positive that this curriculum will get our kids comfortable with failure.
- Parents encourage that this curriculum is a long term game.
- Question if we can reach out to teachers to get feedback from them to get ways that we can support teachers in transition—Josh reports that there is a district support provided during CE time with teachers on Wednesdays and they are feeling very supported in the implementation of this curriculum.

### *Fall Fest Updates*

- Hoping for good weather
- Lots of information included in monthly room parent email—
- We need volunteers for many things – encourage people to sign up
- Cake walk— friday folder will include to encourage make cakes

### *Bike to School*

- Bradely Gllmore will do Tune Ups
- October 8th
- Treats will be provided in morning.
- Bike rodeo after school.
- Sweet Cow same day– we get 40% of proceeds– Have to say you are with Mesa

### *SAC/DAC/CCBC Updates*

- *Ballot measure Titled-**Increase state taxes for school meals and food assistance programs**- There is currently a huge shortfall of 95million due to the popularity of the program.*
- *Prop LL and Prop MM– Prop MM is what is need to pass to use Tabor funds to cover school lunches. Prop MM will tax high income earners (over 300k per year) which will provide 95million revenue for a long term fix for free school meals for all. If it does not pass free school lunch ends on January 1, 2026 and families will have to pay for lunches unless they qualify for free and reduced lunch. This creates a logistical issue for schools as kids will have to spend more time ..this will also change the food available in the lunchroom and decrease food options...*
- *Ruby Bridges- Celebrate in November. Beginning to plan. We will meet in 3 places, wear purple, and kids will walk to school from 3 check points. Need volunteers to lead the walk from each check point. When we arrive at school a small speech will happen and kids will get to school.*
- *November 12th— next CBCC meeting. There is a RSVP. We also sent out a survey to the community to ask what community would like us to focus on. Huge success last meeting.*

*Other Topics:*

- Mesa Swag– booth at fall fest to see swag. People can order Mesa Swag on Cheddar Up. This will be a one time thing. There will be an option to donate a shirt to teachers or kids who cannot afford it. Will be delivered in November.
- Halloween– parade will happen that day prior to Halloween party. Party from 2-250pm.
- Parent teacher conferences next week. Sign up for snacks for teachers for those days. Parents can help with this. Please sign up to volunteer for this. Order pizza one day.