

GOVERNOR'S RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNAPPROVED PTA
MINUTES

December 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Stipp called meeting to order at 7:09pm.

ATTENDEES

President Tom Stipp, 1st Vice President Tamra VanNorstrand, 2nd Vice President Marnie O'Connor, 3rd Vice President Principal Will Morton, Treasurer Kristen Colonell and Secretary Jayme Piegat were all present from the Executive Board along with 14 members.

APPROVAL OF MEETING

MOTION

Will Morton moved to start the meeting.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to approve the agenda as is.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor.

MINUTES APPROVED

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to approve the amended minutes.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Will Morton informed the GRE PTA of the upcoming budget cuts that will take affect as of the 2010/2011 school years. By August 2010 \$30-\$40 million will be cut. The district has a contingency fund of \$160 million which lowered the original 60 – 70 million dollar cuts to the 30-40 million dollar range. Over the next 3-4 years it is estimated that an additional 30 million dollars will be taken out of the reserves. It cannot be spent down because of budget restrictions for the next unknown amount of years.

The Facility Usage Committee reported that the district is down from 90,000 students to 84,000 students. This means there are 6,000 open seats in Jefferson County. This past spring the district's investigation process led them to what are now 45 proposals. The key word being PROPOSALS. The main one is the closing down of Ken Carl Middle School, making Deer Creek Middle School GRE's feeder school.

At a forum recently held Principal Will Morton thought the community represented itself well and thanked all for coming. He informed the PTA that all the feedback would be weighed between a variety of people who gave a thumb up or thumbs down. If a proposal was given three thumbs up it will move forward to the next level of judgment. In the case of Ken Caryl Middle School closing it did receive all three thumbs up. This can all be seen at jeffcpublicschool.org. Click on Facilities Usage Committee.

Principal Will Morton said it is important to understand that the committee is not making the final decision, the Jefferson County School Board is.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

BUDGET

Treasurer Kristen Colonell reported the 2009-2010 budget. The first column is from the required first reading of the budget back in May, 2009 for the incoming school year, which is an educated guess based off of the previous years budget. The second column is a revised budget based off of all final numbers that were submitted by all committees at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year for the 2009-10 school year.

	<u>2009-10 Budget</u>	<u>Revised/ Committee input</u>
Beginning Balance:	90,537	110,358
Total General Rev	183,017	195,498
Total ExCel Rev	1,975	2,475
Total Revenue	184,992	197,973

Treasurer Kristen Colonell informed everyone that the PTA is at a place of decision as to whether or not it should make a commitment to spend down the reserves or cut back on ExCel items and live within the actual budget.

MOTION

Ken Dugger moved to form a committee to look at the ExCel programs and ExCel funding for the 2010-2011 school year.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

A suggestion was made to take the third grade one-time request for additional funds of \$750 and move it to the fourth grade diorama unit.

MOTION

Ken Dugger moved to transfer the amount of \$750 from Third Grade Native American Unit to the Fourth Grade Diorama Unit.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

MOTION

Cathy Price moved to approve the amended 2009-2010 budget.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dan Elvera reported the following on the Finance Committee:

Over the past couple months the Finance Committee met and formed the Sub-Finance Committee. It is comprised of 3 teachers, Katrina Martin, Amy Nelson and Cathy Price. Joining the three teachers will be three parents: Susan McMullen, Heidi O'Leary and Jill Chase. The survey was sent out to the community to give ideas and feedback to GRE. The survey was not a vote it was a brainstorming tool. The results of the survey have come in and been evaluated by the Finance Committee. 24 items were presented to the PTA in order of highest demanded to least.

Committee Chair Dan Elvera and the Finance Committee recommended that the PTA hold \$10,000 to be put into reserves and focus on \$65,000 to spend now.

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to approve the holding back of \$10,000 to maintain the contingency fund for the coming school years.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

Committee Chair Dan Elvera pointed out that Document Cameras and Projectors were favored by far, and then follows by portable technology. Document Cameras for all classrooms plus installation would cost \$48,000. As to the portable technology or laptops, the school is still in need of 15 more plus a cart. This would complete the mobile computer lab. Concern was brought up about the actual computer lab and all its current desktops. Third Vice President Principal Will Morton mentioned that it is obsolete due to the District switching from the current Novel Technology to Microsoft Active Directory. This creates a problem because all servers will be backed up to off site servers disabling the schools Macs to not be able to connect to the network. The computer lab is being replace with the Technology funds.

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to vote on purchasing 24 installed Document Cameras for a total of \$48,000,
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

This now leaves \$17,000 left to be used.

Third Vice President Principal Will Morton informed the PTA that the first hurdle is to get the amount of \$48,000 approved by the District Superintendent's Office, anything \$5,000 and up must go through this process.

MOTION

Valerie Sturm moved to vote on spending \$14,390 on 15 laptops with a cart.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

YEAS- 6
NAYS- 8

The nays have it.

MOTION

Cathy Price moved to table the sum left of \$17,000 until the January meeting.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

MOTION

Ann Donelson moved to table the Tedfords until January.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

REFLECTIONS

Amy Schneider chaired Reflections. It was reported it went smoothly. The Ice Cream Social will be in January. State is this coming weekend.

MEMBERSHIP

Tamra VanNorstrand reported for Marnie O'Connor that the PTA has 300 members.

NEW BUSINESS

The online directory was not feasible for this year. The paper copy will be distributed on December 14, 2009.

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to adjourn the meeting.
Motion was seconded

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Library.