

**Niwot Elementary
Parent Teacher Advisory Council Minutes
April 15, 2014**

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice-President Hadley Solomon with 13 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the March 2014 meeting were approved as posted.

Committee Reports: Presented by Secretary ReAnna Damek

**PTAC STATUS REPORT
APRIL 2014**

STANDING COMMITTEES:
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No report

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No report

OTHER COMMITTEES:

BACK-TO-SCHOOL MOVIE:

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End of School Movie night is May 16th (another makeup for bad weather, Mother Nature clearly did not go to Niwot Elementary), starting around 8:00. There will not be food trucks this year. A fun family night!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

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No report

BOOK FAIR

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Usborne Book Fair will be held in the NES library Friday, April 18 - Friday, April 25. We will be open 8:30am-4:00pm. Thursday, April 24 we will be open until 7:00pm for late night shopping. And.....we will have live music in the library from **The Roxy Three** on Thursday night starting at 5:30 until 6:15!!!! They are an all-girl NES (and Sunset) band!!! Please spread the word!!!! We are excited to try something new!

BUDDY FAMILY

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No Report

BOXTOPS

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We've hit our goal of collecting 30,000 Box Tops this year! We will have one final collection before the school year ends. There are several classes that are not far from winning a Popcorn, Popsicle or Ice Cream Sundae party! Watch for more details on where your class stands. We're looking forward to seeing what our new record number will be this year!! Thank you all for your participation!

CORPORATE FUNDRAISING

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No report

DINING FOR DOLLARS

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Dining for Dollar\$ at Chipotle brought in \$2514
 Next Dining for Dollar\$ is at Basil Flats (he's giving us another go since the weather was bad that night)
 May 6th 4pm-9pm

DIRECTORY DATA CONTENT

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No report

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No Report

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F.A.N (FATHER'S ASSOCIATION OF NIWOT)

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GREENSTAR PROGRAM

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KISS-N-CATCH/SAFETY

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We are looking for someone to take over the Kiss and Catch/Traffic Safety job for next year.

LEADERSHIP ST. VRAIN/SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUES

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If you are interested in participating on the Leadership St. Vrain committee for the 2014-15 school year, contact Riki Frea at (720)443-8844 or freafamily@mac.com.

MWEBAZA/NES PARTNERSHIP

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PROMOTING FITNESS AND KINDNESS: SIXTH ANNUAL MWEBAZA "JOG-A-THON" ON MAY 7... WITH ICE CREAM AFTERWARDS!

There is another opportunity this school year to help our African partner school, Mwebaza Infant Primary School, get the funds needed to complete its middle school that is currently under construction...the 6th Annual Mwebaza Jog-a-thon! This long-standing Niwot Elementary event will be held on our May "Late Start Day," Wednesday, May 7.

Students will be jogging or walking around a 200M track for 20 minutes. In terms of fundraising, students can get pledges per lap or just a flat donation. Although all students will be participating in the Jog-a-thon, getting pledges or donations is optional, of course. However, all proceeds raised will be used to benefit disadvantaged Ugandan schoolchildren, so all fundraising efforts are greatly appreciated! Children can ask family and friends for donations, but we DO NOT want students to solicit door to door! After each student completes the Jog-a-thon on May 7th, he or she needs to collect any donations, place them in an envelope labeled with his or her name and the words "Jog-a-thon," and then put that envelope in the class collection envelope by Wednesday, May 21st.

At the beginning of May, more information on the Jog-a-thon will be sent home with students, including a schedule of running times and a pledge form.

Once again this year, kids can celebrate their Jog-a-thon efforts with their families by an after-school visit to Cold Stone Creamery! Niwot Elementary teacher volunteers will be serving up ice cream at Cold Stone between 4 and 6 p.m. after the Jog-a-thon, with 15% of the proceeds going to the Mwebaza Foundation!

JOG-A-THON FUNDRAISING HISTORY

At the Jog-a-thons in 2010 and 2011, Niwot Elementary raised funds that the Mwebaza Foundation used to buy property on which we are currently constructing a middle school for our Ugandan pen pals.

In 2012, our successful Jog-a-thon got us close to our goal of unlocking a \$25,000 matching grant from the Heaven's Hope Foundation to be used towards the middle school for Mwebaza students and a primary school in another Ugandan village. By year's end, the Mwebaza Foundation had gathered enough to get these matching funds.

Last year's Jog-a-thon funds were combined with the half of the grant monies designated for the middle school project, and are being used towards constructing the middle school for Mwebaza students. With the funds raised in 2014, we believe we will have enough to complete the new middle school! (The primary school being built in the other Ugandan village is nearly complete. The design of the new middle school is identical to that of the almost-finished primary school.) Thank you, Niwot kids and families, for helping make dreams come true in Uganda through your yearly participation in the Jog-a-thon!

TENT NEEDED

The Mwebaza Foundation will have a booth at this year's Taste of Colorado Festival over Labor Day

weekend. We will be selling African art and jewelry to raise funds for the different projects our Foundation is undertaking in Africa. We would like to borrow a 10' X 10' vendor tent for this event. If you have such a tent, and would be willing to lend it for a good cause, please contact Mr. Peterson at peterson_dale@svvdsd.org"

NEWSPAPER LIAISON

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NIWOT TROT

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ORIGINAL WORKS

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No Report

READING RESOURCE ROOM

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No report

ROUND-UP

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No report

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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School supplies committee is at a standstill until the district releases to the principals, the supply list. We hope to get see a flurry of activity from us starting the last week of April. We will then pound the pavement and parents' emails!!

SCIENCE GARDEN

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Science Garden Educational programs are underway!

Gretchen Johnson presented our Birds, Nests and Eggs program to Mrs. Phillips' class last week and the children created bagel bird feeders.

First graders will be learning about Seed Germination and planting a cool weather garden.

Second graders will hear from a real bee keeper and learn the anatomy of flowers.

Third grade will be learning about the Water Cycle.

Fourth and Fifth grade classes are starting Green Team this week. Parent AND Student volunteers are needed to help clean up and plant in the Science Garden. Fourth and Fifth grade parents should have received information via email and/or flyer in backpacks about the Green Team.

We are still in need of Volunteers to present educational programs to the following classes:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Soole

First: Mrs. Bolter

Second: Mrs. Cavanaugh and Ms. Burke

We cannot present our programs without volunteers! For more information, contact Leah Hanley at L_hanley@earthlink.net

Thank you for your help!!!

SOCK HOP

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SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

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Information regarding ordering Summer Learning Books will be coming home soon!

TALENT SHOW

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TEACHER APPRECIATION

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Teacher Appreciation: The 4th & 5th Grade Sponsored Luncheons were held in October and November. The 2nd & 3rd Grade Sponsored Luncheon will be April 24th, and the Kinder & 1st Grade Sponsored Luncheon is scheduled for May 1st. The luncheons are what the Room Parents organize for Teacher Appreciation. However, during the nationally recognized Teacher Appreciation Week of May 5th, Room Parents will send out an email to their classroom parents, reminding them that they are welcome to give a special homemade token of appreciation, or a card, or something from the Teacher Gift Idea page on the PTAC website.

I am currently updating the Teacher Gift Idea page with feedback from the teachers/staff, and it will be available before the end of April.

VOLUNTEER BADGES

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No report

WELCOMING

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No report

YEARBOOK

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YB deadline 4/14 midnight.

315 copied sold

Delivered last day of school

We also have the following committees that need Chairs/Co-Chairs for 2014-2015. If you are interested in learning more contact ReAnna Damek at secretaryniwotptac@gmail.com or any board member.

- Back to School Open House
- Corporate Fundraising: Grocery Cards
- Directory Data Content

- Directory Sponsorships
- FAN - Father's Association of Niwot
- Kiss-N-Catch
- Newspaper Liason
- Ni/Sci - Science Garden: 3 Coordinators, K-1, 2-3, 4-5
- Niwot Trot - to train with Laura Sroka (to take over in 2015-16 school year)
- Round Up
- Yearbook Photographer

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Presented by Nancy Pitz

CMAS

- 5th grade did day 1 testing today
- 55 minute test
- they worked very hard and said it was fun!
- this test does count
- Q: When will we get the results
- A: We'll get the 3rd grade TCAP Reading soon. The rest will be July or later.

Celebrations

- Odyssey of the Mind - we have 2 teams going to Worlds
- Equations - we have 3 5th grade students going to Nationals next week: Luc Blondeau, Austin Damek and Carter Kruse
- The trot this past weekend was fun despite the weather, great job!
- The Sock Hop was a great success this past weekend!
- The Silent Auction at the Sock Hop was great as well!

I will be sending a letter of changes in staffing soon (retirements, grade changes, etc)

If you want to send in a request of learning style for next year, I am taking those now.

Lisa Verbeck resigned as Cafeteria Para recently and Karen Hostelley was hired and started this week!

Thank you to parents and families for all you do for our school and our students!

TEACHER REPORT: Presented by Jenna Olschlager

April 2014 PTAC Teacher Report

5th Grade

5th grade has spent these last few weeks preparing for our big adventure to Young AmeriTowne (tomorrow, April 16th). It is the highlight of our year for many reasons. The personal finance lessons are wonderfully done and lend a small insight into what the real world of finances includes. But then, our actual day, the day where we get to pretend to be adults for a day, is the most incredible experience ever!. The smiles on our kids faces won't easily wash off that day!

Thank you so much for making this adventure possible for us.
The students of 5th grade and their grateful teachers.

Other Events:

- Bake Sale to help pay for YA - afternoon of May 2nd
- Field Day - May 5th (practice) & May 6th at Longmont H.S.
- May 14th - field trip to CU Boulder to study water cycle and how Niwot gets its water
- Award Ceremony - 9:15-10:15 in gym on May 22
- Check out the music webpage for Wakko's America - a song to learn the 50 states & capitals for the 5th graders

4th Grade

First. I have loved the, "This week in PTAC." Every Monday I look at it and add things to my calendar as well as have my students dining for dollars and other important events in their Planners!

Second, we continue to use the technology in our classrooms. My students are currently finishing up their fictions stories and over half my class typed their stories. The kids use Google docs so I can easily go in and comment on them and give them feedback immediately as they go. Students have also been sharing them in Google docs with other classmates and helping each other revise that way as well.

My kids loved Shakespeare play on the last late start, it was quite funny.

That's all I have for now... Hope this little bit helps! :)

Thanks as always for all they do to make this an amazing community, I am SO excited that my daughter will be starting kindergarten here in the fall... Gulp! :)

Jennifer Tagley

3rd Grade

Third has a lot coming up this month. We will be teaching economics in Social Studies and the Water Cycle in Science. We are also taking our annual trip to Old Mill Park in May and of course, we have our Mother's Day Tea at the beginning of May.

Could you also add that we are very grateful for the nonfiction book sets that we received from the PTAC? We are excited to integrate them into our lessons. :) Also, a big shout-out to Riki Frea for making the Box Top competition so exciting. The kids are really into it this year!

1st Grade

Mr. Peterson's class is working hard at writing poetry. They began by finding ways to describe basic objects. Then, they began using similes and metaphors to compare these objects to things that are very different from the objects, but share a similar trait. Rather than comparing a shell to a more obvious rock, they might compare a shell to a slide or a wedding dress. After learning about how line breaks add "music" to one's poems, the students have begun writing poetry about anything they care about. The children are loving writing poems, and appreciate the freedom poetry allows considering that punctuation and complete sentences can be used, only if one wants to use them.

Music

Choir sings the National Anthem at the Rockies game - May 2nd at 6:40 p.m.
You can order tickets online - check my music webpage for more details.
\$2 from every ticket sale of Niwot families will go back to the Niwot music program. www.rockies.com/choir

Library

Book Fair - April 18th-25th

Art

Art Show - April 14th-20th at Boulder County Fairgrounds

Retirement

Thursday, May 14th, at 4:00 - Cyndi Summers' retirement party

OLD BUSINESS:

The following officers were elected for the 2014-2015 school year:

- President - Hadley Solomon
- Vice President - Donna Blondeau
- Vice President of Fundraising - Riki Frea
- Treasurer - Jennifer Wilby
- Recording Secretary - Julie Jensen
- Communications Secretary - Anne Jentz

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Jennifer Wilby

PowerPoint was shared and reviewed (slides to follow along with the discussion of each slide after the slide)

Review of this year's budget to date:

Income Highlights

- Niwot Trot – \$5,826
- Silent Auction - \$4,027.50
- Sock Hop - \$3,963.10
- Dining for Dollars at Chipotle \$2,500
(waiting on check)
- Spirit Wear - \$724.58
- Grocery Cards - \$608.25

Discussion on the Salad Bar:

- This letter was sent to schools by the district; it explains more about why schools have to purchase the salad bar as opposed to the district [Salad Bar Letter](#)
- The school will purchase the salad bar for about \$2000
- Planning to purchase it and have it ready at the beginning of next school year
- The district does the upkeep of the salad bar, it just could not purchase the salad bar for each school

Expenditure Highlights

- Para Support and Benefits - \$8,076
- Library Books ordered- \$1,144.77
- Assemblies April Late Start – waiting on invoices
- Science Garden tree trimming – \$600 from reserve account

Our Budget

- Owned by the Membership
- Process
 - Board + new Board members worked on new budget
 - Presented today
 - Voted on in May
 - Executed throughout the following year
 - Budget Amendments as required – no surprises!
 - Budget has to balance
- Overestimate Costs + Underestimate Revenue = surplus?
- Transparency
 - Reconcile Quickbooks vs Bank Statement monthly
 - Post on PTAC website
 - Report at PTAC meetings monthly
 - Contact Treasurer with questions

Budget 2014-15

- Budget has to balance
 - Income > Expenditure = Surplus
- Surplus for 2013-14
 - Income forecast = \$116,239.47
 - Expenditure forecast = \$109,403.27
 - Surplus = \$6,836.20
- Other Accounts
 - \$5,000 in Money Market reserve account
 - \$897 in Science Garden Reserve account
 - \$1,186 in Science Garden CD
- Income sources
- Expenditure

Surplus: Reluctant to earmark this right now. I would say a surplus of about \$4500 at this time, to be safe. We are always in a state of flux.

We have a \$5000 Reserve - we always have that cushion.

Science Garden has a CD of \$1,186, it was a donation at some point that was earmarked for the Science Garden.

Proposed Budget for 2014-2015 (compared to this year):

INCOME

*Niwot Elementary School PTAC
Proposed Budget 2014-15*

	2013-14 Budget	Forecast/Final 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Profit for 2014-15
Income				
4000 — Fundraising Income-Donations				
4004 — Round Up	49,315.00	45,660.31	47,234.00	
Surplus from 2012-13 to be applied		4,726.17	0.00	
4201 — Matching Contributions	2,000.00	2,226.00	2,000.00	
Total 4000- Fundraising Income-Donations	51,315.00	52,610.48	49,234.00	Total for Para support
4100 — Fundraising Income-Activities				
4001 — Book Fairs	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	net \$0.00 retained by NESA
4102 — Niwot Trot	5,500.00	5,328.00	7,000.00	net \$6,500 profit
4103 — Directory	3,000.00	2,855.00	2,700.00	net \$9,700 profit
4107 — Original Artworks	1,400.00	1,321.75	0.00	
4108 — Pre-Packaged School Supplies	400.00	673.56	600.00	profit retained by NESA
4113- Spirit Wear	250.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	net \$1,500 profit
4115- Silent Auction	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	net \$3,000 profit
Rodriguez Family			0.00	expense will be allocated
Total 4100- Fundraising Income-Activities	17,050.00	33,579.61	33,300.00	
Community Events				
4110 — Talent Show	1,000.00	2,297.72	2,250.00	net \$200 profit
4111 - Book Hop	500.00	3,983.10	4,000.00	net \$200 profit
4112 - Yearbook	500.00	600.00	100.00	net \$0 profit
4114 - FAN		50.00	0.00	
Outdoor Movie Night		50.00	50.00	net \$0 profit
Total Community Events	2,000.00	6,860.82	6,400.00	
4200 — Corporate Cash Income				
4202 — Box Tops	2,000.00	3,300.00	3,000.00	net \$700 profit
4203 — Grocery Shopping	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
4207 — Miscellaneous	1,700.00	4,650.00	0.00	
4211 — Target	2,000.00	2,655.56	2,550.00	
4212 — Online Shopping	200.00	450.00	200.00	
4213 — Restaurant Nights	1,500.00	4,100.00	1,500.00	
Total 4200 — Corporate Cash Income	22,400.00	23,188.56	15,350.00	
4300 — Interest Income				
Total Income	90,800.00	116,239.47	104,284.00	

Our budget this year shows \$90,800, however it is actually \$116,239.47. Last year the budget was netted out, this year I didn't do the net budget. So there is not a huge jump from this year's budget to our proposed budget for next year. Our proposed budget for 2014-2015 is \$104,284.00, this is actually a smaller budget than this year.

Where the numbers come from:

- \$49,234 - This is the expense budget for paras. We have said that this is the amount that Round-Up needs to bring in.
- Fundraising Income:
 - Book Fair - same
 - Trot - \$7000
 - Directory - \$9700 (the amount we bring in)
 - School Supplies - \$600, similar to this year

- Spirit Wear - \$7500, we profit about \$1500
- Silent Auction - \$4000, the amount we brought in this year
- Rock'n Rails - this is the tip jar. There is potential income here. We're going to apply for the tip jar but we may not get it because it's a lottery.
 - Q: Isn't there something with getting money from alcohol?
 - A: There is, but we are not getting a percentage of the alcohol sales, it's the tip jar so it's OK.
 - Q: Do we have a specific place it would go?
 - A: It would go into the general fund.

Community Events:

- These are events we put on that may make some money but it's not really a fundraiser.
- Talent Show
- Sock Hop
- Yearbook
- FAN
- Movie Night

Corporate Cash Income:

- Box Tops, went up
- Grocery Cards, decreased from this year's budget
- Miscellaneous - most of that from this year is from the Whole Foods gift program last year that Laura Sroka organized (THANK YOU LAURA!)
- Online Shopping, this includes Mabel's Labels and Stacey for Schools (which she is no longer doing)
- Restaurant Nights - \$1500, We aren't guaranteed to be able to do Chipotle again; \$1500 is about where we would have landed this year without Chipotle

Q: So we do Round-Up so that we wouldn't have to fundraise other ways? Like kids selling cookie dough or wrapping paper.

A: I think the message has been confusing lately. The philosophy we want to put forward is Round-Up is to help guarantee that we can fund paras. We do other fundraising type activities but you are correct, not having kids sell stuff.

Q: Is that why some parents were disgruntled this year and not wanting to donate to Round-Up? Because there was extra Round-Up money that people were not happy with how it was spent?

A: Last year was an anomaly - the large surplus was not just a result of Round-Up. There was an accounting error of almost \$20,000.

Q: So what is our ideal as far as a surplus number or do we even want a surplus?

A: I don't know if there is an ideal level. Surplus is good in theory. We are a non-profit so we wouldn't want to be in the hole. If we hadn't had Whole Foods, Chipotle and the Silent Auction this year we would be in the hole right now. Our community wants to have a \$100,000 budget. If it's not sustainable then we have to make cuts to paras or other

programs we do.

EXPENDITURES

Expenditure

New format to better express how we allocate our \$\$

Para support	• \$49,234
Teacher/staff support	• \$5,825
Differentiation	• \$20,000
School Support	• \$4,300
For the Kids!	• \$2,800
Family Events & Programs	• \$5,500
PTAC Services & Activities	• \$12,600
Operating Expenses	• \$2,375
Building our Volunteer Base	• \$1,600

Total = \$104,284

These are our main sections and then there are subsections under each of these that we will go over.

	2013-14 Budget	Forecast year end total	Budget 2014-15	Notes for 2014-15 budget
6010 — Para Support	43,000.00	40,500.00	41,715.00	Increase of 3%
6011- Para Support - Benefits	4,800.00	7,300.00	7,510.00	Increase of 3%
Total Para Support	47,800.00	47,800.00	49,234.00	
8000 — Teacher and Staff Support				
6003 — Teacher Grants (K-5)	7,600.00	8,250.00	2,700.00	Reduce to \$150 per teacher
Non Grade Level Staff grants			2,125.00	Same as 2013-14
6304-1 — Hospitality Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	Reduced for mid events + restock
6005 — Teacher Appreciation	300.00	300.00	0.00	Included within Hospitality
Total Teacher and Staff Support	9,900.00	10,550.00	5,825.00	
Differentiation				
Grade Level Experiential Grants			5,500.00	Field trips, in class presentations, materials
6004 — Assemblies	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,000.00	Slight increase
6015 — Technology	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	Plan is for laptops in lower grades
6020-Differentiation	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
6101 — Handwriting and Spelling Books (K-3)	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,000.00	
6103 — Young Americans (5th Grade)	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	\$50 per student
6104 — Field Trips	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	See Experiential grants
6107 — Science Garden (maintenance)	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	Reduce
6113 — Resource Room Maintenance	100.00	100.00	0.00	not required, school supported
6114 - Avid 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	Deposit will be paid by school
6127 — NSci	350.00	350.00	1,000.00	NSci + Science Garden classes
Total Differentiation	23,150.00	23,150.00	20,000.00	
8100 — School Support				
6105 — Music	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	same as this year
PE			300.00	equivalent to Teacher grant
Art			0.00	
6201-1 — Library Purchases	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	same as this year
Sand Bar	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Total -School Support	4,000.00	6,000.00	4,300.00	

Expenses:

Para Support - We had to go up on paras due to 3% increase and benefits

Teacher and Staff Support:

- \$300 for teacher grants this year will be reduced to \$150 (K-5th classroom teachers)
- GT Teachers and Special Ed. stayed the same
- Grade Level Experiential Grants
 - We added this and have done it differently for next year
 - \$1000 per grade level to share and use together
 - Promotes collaboration among the grade levels
 - Teachers currently ask if they can share grants
 - We took out the field trips and added it here
 - They can use this towards field trips or bringing someone in if they choose
 - We did speak with Nancy about this. Nancy presented this to the Leadership Team and they loved this idea (there is a rep. from each grade, specials, special ed.)
- Hospitality: reduced to \$1000. We do a catered meal at the beginning and end of the school year for the teachers.
- Teacher Appreciation: In the past has been something for the lounge, we expect to have some left in hospitality that can be used for this.

Differentiation:

- Last year this was a line item with \$5000

- All of these subsections really fall under differentiation
- Assemblies: were very well received this year!
- Technology - there is a plan to update iPads
- Handwriting and Spelling: This is unique to Niwot. The district does not provide funding for this so if we do not it would go away. It seems to be a valued program.
- Young AmeriTowne: we pay the entry fee; the school pays for the buses and the 5th graders have a bake sale to contribute some money as well.
- Science Garden Maintenance
- Resource Room Maintenance: The school has said they will replace books if needed so reduced this line to \$0.
- Avid 4 Adventure: We haven't paid for this, just the deposit, we don't need to.
- NiSci/Science Garden:
 - We are combining these two programs.
 - NiSci hasn't really been championed this year
 - We went up to \$1000 - this funds both programs
 - Looking to have 3 different coordinators: K-1, 2-3, 4-5
 - We talked about it as a board and Nancy talked to the staff and it is a valued program if done correctly

School Support

- Music: still \$1000
- PE: \$300 (same amount he got this year, it was under Teacher Grants)
- Art: doesn't get anything as she does Artsonia
- Library: the same
- Salad Bar: \$2000 to purchase

	2013-14 Budget	Forecast year and total	Budget 2014-15	Notes for 2014-15 budget
For the Kids!				
6108 — 5th Grade District Field Day	700.00	700.00	700.00	T-shirts @ \$7 each x 100 students
6109 — Odyssey of the Mind	500.00	500.00	700.00	Increase to cover more teams
6115 — Student Council	200.00	200.00	200.00	
6117 — Summer Learning Program	200.00	200.00	300.00	Reflects true cost
6118 — Spelling Bee	300.00	271.80	300.00	Registration fee + prizes
6414 - Financial Assistance	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	Reduced because no dividend
6125 — Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Total - For the Kids!	3,000.00	2,971.80	2,800.00	
6300 — PTAC Services and Activities				
6301 — Directory	100.00	3,742.05	3,750.00	Printing and sponsor communication costs
6302 — Yearbook	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Grocery Card purchase for new families			250.00	100% @ \$2.50 as approved
6310 - Nivot Trot	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	T-shirts + Boulder County fees, paper cups, etc
6316 — Earth Day	50.00	50.00	50.00	
6318 — Spirit Wear	0.00	5,600.00	6,000.00	Snack purchases
6320 - Silent Auction	0.00	200.00	200.00	Basket donation
Round Up			200.00	Expenses donated in the past, new team
Book Fairs			50.00	Flyers, bags for loose change
Box Tops			300.00	Ice cream parties, paper for flyers
Restaurant Nights		72.42	100.00	Promo costs
School supplies			0.00	SP/ provide promo materials
6308 — Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Total - PTAC Services and Activities	350.00	11,364.47	12,600.00	
Family events and programs				
6317 — EOY Picnic	100.00	0.00	0.00	
6305 — Outdoor Movie Night	50.00	50.00	50.00	
6306 - Talent Show		1,034.47	2,000.00	NHA authorization, decorations
6307 - Sock Hop		3,050.00	3,500.00	Food, decorations
Total - Family Events and Programs	150.00	5,034.47	5,550.00	

For the Kids!

- Summer Learning: increase to continue the rewards
- Financial Assistance: Not doing Avid4 Adventure next year so we cut this in half

Services and Activities

- New Family Grocery - we are giving all new families (K and new families) grocery card with \$2.50 on them to promote the grocery card program
- Round-Up - didn't have an expense line in the past, but there are supplies needed. We will have a new committee next year - volunteers shouldn't have to buy their own supplies!
- BoxTops - went up to pay for parties
- Restaurant nights: some expenses to promote these; bought a banner this year

Family Events and Programs

- End of Year Picnic: have had a DJ in the past that we paid for, do not have one now.
- Movie Night, Talent Show and Sock Hop: Net zero

	2013-14 Budget	Forecast year end total	Budget 2014-15
6400 — Operating Expenses			
6401 — Child Care	225.00	400.00	225.00
6402 — Bank Charges	100.00	50.00	50.00
6403 — Supplies	300.00	385.52	300.00
6405 — Postage	75.00	24.85	50.00
6406 — Tax Return Preparation	100.00	104.42	100.00
6407 — President's Fund	200.00	200.00	0.00
6408 — Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00	200.00
6409 — Insurance-Liability	350.00	320.00	350.00
6411- Legal & Accounting	500.00	500.00	500.00
6412- Online Software	500.00	275.00	350.00
6415- Sales Tax	0.00	172.74	250.00
Total 6400 — Operating Expenses	2,450.00	2,532.53	2,375.00
Building our volunteer base			
PTAC/Principal coffee			300.00
Communications (website, signage)			500.00
Room Parent's support			200.00
Volunteer's support (outreach activities)			500.00
Watch D.O.G.S.			100.00
Total - Building our volunteer base	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
Total Expenses	90,800.00	109,403.27	104,284.00

Operating Expenses

- Reduced some, most are the same
- Got rid of the President's fund
- Online software: Quickbooks online
- Sales Tax: this is new; Boulder County sales tax

Building our Volunteer Base

- We feel our volunteers is an area we need to focus on next year
- Regular Principal's coffee
- Communications: we've bought some signs; we have a new website coming
- Room Parent: start-up costs, thinking binders to pass on each year
- WatchDOGS: This is a national program to get Dads into schools (DOGS - Dads of Great Students). We've had FAN but haven't really had a purpose; budget is to get interest going

2014-15 Proposed Budget Summary

- Budget total a little lower than 2013-14
- Para Support still key
- Restructured Teacher Support to meet needs of Grade Level Teachers
- Emphasis on Differentiated and Experiential Learning
- Focus on Volunteers

Motion to Approve

Hadley Solomon motioned to approve the 2014-2015 PTAC budget.

The Budget will be published online and voted on in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hadley Solomon: Surplus

- We will have a surplus this year.
- Our bylaws that go into place next year say we will have an AdHoc committee to work with Nancy to come up with recommendations for surplus.
- This year, due to time constraints, we won't have an AdHoc committee per say, but would like for any suggestions of where surplus should go.
- We are asking for recommendations by next Friday, April 25th and then we will meet with Nancy and discuss

Are there any suggestions for surplus?

Christie Zingerman: Odyssey of the Mind

- OM is going to worlds. \$2500 per team for registration so \$5000 in registration.

- Parents and coaches would appreciate some help as then they also have to pay for travel, lodging, food, etc.
- We have 13 kids on 2 two teams. This is the first time we've gone to worlds in a while.
- The kids have some ideas for fundraising as well.

Nancy: Equation students as well. We have 3 students going. Their registration is about \$110 a student, but they will be gone 5 days to Tennessee and will be paying for airfare, a chartered bus, food, and hotel for those 5 days.

Nancy has mentioned new gym mats and a marquee for the front of the school (we could start putting surplus away each year to build up to buy a marquee as they are expensive) and new swings.

Riki Frea: a climbing wall in the gym has been mentioned before. They are always covered with mats so if that is something we might do in the future, might want to look into that before buying mats.

Q: Once suggestions are made, does someone research costs?

A: Some of the big projects, yes because the district has certain vendors they want us to use. Can also find out if other schools have already done something similar. Whatever we present will have numbers behind it.

Volunteers of the Month:

HUGE month with massive volunteer coordination:

- Sock Hop Committee
- Laura Sroka and Niwot Trot Committee
- Christie Zingerman: Dining for Dollars and Silent Auction

CLOSING:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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PTAC Secretary