

**PTO General Meeting Minutes - April 3, 2019 6:30-8:00pm**

6:25 - 6:30 Settle	Get dinner, get kids to Mrs. Semann
6:30 - 6:33 Welcome/ Intros	<p>Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dani Bondurant - President (<a href="mailto:info@eldoradok8pto.org">info@eldoradok8pto.org</a>)</li> <li>● Tannaz Walker - Vice President/Volunteer Coordinator (<a href="mailto:info@eldoradok8pto.org">info@eldoradok8pto.org</a>)</li> <li>● Eric Peltier - Treasurer (<a href="mailto:treasurer@eldoradok8pto.org">treasurer@eldoradok8pto.org</a>)</li> <li>● Kristen Peters - Treasurer (<a href="mailto:treasurer@eldoradok8pto.org">treasurer@eldoradok8pto.org</a>)</li> <li>● Shawna Martin - Secretary (<a href="mailto:news@eldoradok8pto.org">news@eldoradok8pto.org</a>)</li> </ul>
6:33 - 6:40 Guest	<p>Dixon Orthodontics - Dinner sponsor for April PTO meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family has lived in Superior since 2007</li> <li>● Office locations in Superior and Westminster</li> <li>● 70% of kids have some type orthodontics treatment needed</li> <li>● Evaluation should start at 7 years old, free consultation offered</li> <li>● Age 11-14 is typical range or orthodontia</li> </ul> <p>Thank you to Dixon Orthodontics for dinner and continued community support!</p>
6:40-6:42 Upcoming Dates	<p>April - CMAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elementary Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grades 3-5 Math April 2, 4, 5</li> <li>○ Grades 3-5 ELA April 8, 9, 11</li> <li>○ Grade 4 Social Studies April 16, 17, 18</li> <li>○ Grade 5 Science April 16, 17, 18</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Middle Level Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grades 6 Math &amp; ELA April 8, 9, 11</li> <li>○ Grades 7-8 Math &amp; ELA April 16, 18, 19</li> <li>○ Grade 7 Social Studies April 22, 23</li> <li>○ Grade 8 Science April 22, 23</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Upcoming Dates through End of Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wednesday, Apr. 3 - 6:30pm-8pm - PTO General Meeting</li> <li>● Tuesday, Apr. 9 - 11am-11pm - Spirit Night at Gordon Biersch</li> <li>● Thursday, Apr. 11 - 9am-10am - Coffee Chat (ML focus)</li> <li>● Friday, Apr. 12 &amp; Monday, Apr. 15 - Conference Exchange Days - No School</li> <li>● Saturday, Apr. 20 - 6:35-8:05pm - Cosmic Skate at Sport Stable</li> <li>● Wednesday, Apr. 24 - BVSD Bike to School Day</li> <li>● Wednesday, May 1 - 6:30pm-8pm PTO General Meeting</li> <li>● Thursday, May 2 - 9am-10am - Coffee Chat (All School Focus)</li> <li>● Monday - Friday, May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week</li> <li>● Tuesday, May 14 - Spirit Night at Mod Pizza</li> <li>● Tuesday, May 21 - Spirit Night at Fat Cats</li> <li>● Thursday, May 23 - Last day of school for students</li> </ul>
6:42 - 6:52 Board Updates:	<p>President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next month: Budget approval vote will be held</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Three new board positions - Will be voted on next month - any interest at all, please let a current board member know! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Expanding the board to seven positions to help with continuity and allow for smooth transitions between years. Two year commitment for board positions.</li> <li>● Target is to have board positions filled by May meeting (for 2019-2020)</li> <li>● Open roles for next year on board and additional coordinators/volunteer positions:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vice President &lt;Board&gt;</li> <li>○ Social Secretary &lt;Board&gt;</li> <li>○ Volunteer Coordinator</li> <li>○ Spirit Night Coordinator</li> <li>○ Yearbook assistance</li> <li>○ Auction Co-chairs</li> <li>○ Read-A-Thon Chair</li> <li>○ Garden volunteers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Treasurer Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On track on budget with allocated funds designated for shade structure, furniture, and earmarked funds</li> <li>● Suggestion made to look into summer Spirit Nights. Will be shared with future spirit night coordinator.</li> </ul>
<p>6:52 - 6:58 Administration updates</p>	<p>Robyn Hamasaki, Principal - Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kindergarten preview days next week for incoming kindergarten</li> <li>● Boulder schools are ready when state expands to full-day kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intentional play-basis training for teachers with training</li> <li>○ If approved/funded, it would be full day kinder-only (no half-day options)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● We need incoming first grade parents</li> <li>● Upcoming conference days - hours are for teacher's outside conference and meeting time.</li> <li>● Thank you to amazing auction committee. Great experience and theme.</li> <li>● Shade structure is ready to be ordered (raised from fall Fun Run)</li> <li>● Ordering kindergarten tables and chairs</li> <li>● Starting butterfly and flower garden</li> </ul>
<p>6:58 - 7:00 Teacher update</p>	<p>Mark Call, Music Teacher &amp; Choir Director - Thank you to the auction team for all of their work and coordination with teacher experiences.</p>
<p>7:00 - 7:10 Committee Reports</p>	<p>PTO Website Coordinator - Tricia Dunham: No update</p> <p>SAC (School Accountability Committee) - Whitney Hillestad: No updates due to meeting reschedule</p> <p>District Parent Coordinator (DPC) - Kate Senecal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High school start times are getting pushed back in 2019-2020 (decision has been made). Focused on addressing challenges with new start times</li> <li>● Eldorado middle level may be impacted as Monarch start time will be in the middle of our current start times.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board is looking at district-wide cell-phone policy. Proposed policy: Elementary and Middle must be off and in locker. High School must be off, but can be on your person/bag. Will be voted in future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Parent Engagement Network (PEN): No update</p> <p>Crossing Guard - Jerry Malia: No update</p>
<p>7:10 - 7:20 Fundraising &amp; Events</p>	<p>Box Tops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely a drive in late April/early May - looking for helpers to count and track. Date is TBD.</li> </ul> <p>Spirit Night - Rachel Markley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking for a replacement for next year - would be great to shadow her for the rest of this year</li> </ul> <p>Spring Auction Fundraiser - Whitney Hillestad - Final update!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proud of our community contributions and support. Amazing community event.</li> <li>Last year raised \$57K, this year raised over \$73K (before expenses)</li> <li>Net to school is over \$52K <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While expenses were higher this year, it benefited the volunteers and</li> </ul> </li> <li>Increased sponsorship this year as well</li> <li>Kids earned ice cream party with amount raised.</li> <li>Need new auction coordinators for next year's auction. Ideally have coordinator start by summer.</li> <li>Majority of increase in donations for this year was with the live auction. Auctioneer was a success as well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>42% was raised during the live auction event</li> <li>18% silent auction</li> <li>16% paddle raise</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Yearbook Coordinator - Liv Berger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The final date to order yearbooks is April 20. Visit <a href="http://www.eldoradok8pto.org/yearbooks.html">http://www.eldoradok8pto.org/yearbooks.html</a> to get yours! Enter the "school order number" 16227 to be brought to our purchasing site.</li> <li>Not sure if you've already ordered this year? You can check! Follow that same link, enter the "school order number" and then look for the button that says, "Find existing order." You'll be asked to enter your email address, and if you've ordered, it'll let you know!</li> </ul>
<p>7:20-7:30 New Business</p>	<p>Volunteer coordinators for lunch recess. Working to get to volunteer team for recess and working through easier tracking/options.</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>May 1, 6:30-8:00pm - voting on budget and new board</p>
<p>7:30 - 8:00 Guest</p>	<p>Neil Anderson, Principal at Monarch High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completing second year as principal of Monarch</li> <li>Connecting with schools feeding into Monarch so parents can learn more about life at the high school level.</li> <li>New high school start time:</li> </ul>

- Will programs start in the morning?
  - Only programs that already start in the morning (boys/girls swimming) or conflicts with location (hockey at sports time)
- Will there be a late start/early release day still?
  - Yes, that will remain for Wednesday for access time/office hours. Early release after school and have teacher sessions after.
  - Wednesdays from 9:40 to 2:15.
  - Buses run at regular times on Wednesday, study areas are provided for those who arrive at regular time on late start.
  - Campus monitors will be on campus on early release (before and after school).
- After school activities impact:
  - Activity leagues have generally shifted schedules to match later end times
  - Practices can officially start at 4
  - Concerns with daylight hours (generally with track and field/cross-country).
  - Known issue around limited usable field space
- Highest number of school club participation in Boulder Valley. Might add in additional club day as part of new club.
- Social/emotional club (middle school) - does a similar program exist at Monarch
  - Freshman advisory no longer exists
  - Strong 360 leadership program to work with freshman. Relationship building for new incoming students.
  - Teachers has purposeful focus of building relationship with students.
  - Completed needs assessment with students (over 900 response out of 1700 students) to identify new sources of strength to enhance the program. Design counseling based on national standards.
  - Moving the right direction and continuing to improve.
  - Will continue to survey students every year to look at trends over time.
- How much of an issue is vaping/alcohol/bullying?
  - It is an issue at every high school. Monarch monitors constantly both through security systems and through teacher education.
  - Safe 2 Tell is a valuable program to help with bullying and the close social networks in our community helps raise issues
  - Vaping is truly an epidemic and major concern (devices, oil, monitoring).
  - Saturday school is held every other saturday is the first time consequence for from 8-12 PM. Community service at school during that time.
  - Additional consequence for kids in sports/activities (losing games or suspension).
  - PEN has great events around vape-awareness.
  - Alcohol consequences (5 day suspension, shortened to 3-days if they take the iThrive class). On-campus or sporting events is automatic law-enforcement involvement
- Question on issues at Eldorado:
  - Major impact last year, some incidents early fall
  - Monitoring students, connect with high schools as well to identify issues
  - Education/awareness sessions with middle-school students was very effective.
- Stress/Anxiety around high school, grades, college, social, etc.
  - From the survey, college entrance and grades are highest concern/anxiety for kids.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Message to families is around balance of course loads with your other activities. Take classes that you're most passionate about at a higher level, but then base classes for others.</li> <li>○ Changing message to that you'll get a great education anywhere, what is your best fit for you.</li> <li>○ Also looking as a staff at homework balance and test day balance.</li> <li>● Drop/Add Class Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has been approved. Specific days/times to review before school start.</li> <li>○ For registered students, classes for following year are reviewed during finals week in May.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:00	Dismissal and get kids from Mrs. Semann