

Bill Roberts PTA
Wednesday, September 13, 2016 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Bill Roberts Cafeteria
AGENDA

6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Speaker
Q&A with Principal Trich Lea

Welcome from Wendy and introductions of all attendees (30 in attendance)

1. What do PTA parents do at Bill Roberts? Lots of committees and we need parents help to run all the activities and fundraisers.
2. How much influence does the school have with Discovery Link to reduce the wait list? School is not related to Discovery Link (they are a separate DPS entity), we provide students and space. Space is limited and kids can only be housed in licensed spaces. Gym is not always available in the winter, which means there must be licensed rooms to send kids when the gym is in use. Enrichments are daily and occupying classrooms. Recently two classrooms opened, so this should help Discovery Link accept more students in the next few weeks.
3. Is there anything parents can do to help advocate to increase space in the Discovery Link program? Trich will research this.
4. Can students go from enrichments to Discovery Link? Yes! Please communicate all of this information to teachers.
5. Can you provide a description of the role of the PTA towards the school and the school's relationship to the PTA? Wendy: PTA is about community. We support the school and the teachers (staff support, teacher appreciation, art support, music support, etc.). We do fundraising, with the goal of giving the school \$150,000 each year. If there is additional money, we try to fund anything around the school that needs extra support. Trich: The financial input from PTA is vital to the school. PTA also brings attention to issues that concern parents and students that administration might not know about.
6. Can each committee lead give a quick description of what they do? Committee descriptions are available on the website.
7. Comments from teachers on Thursday notes? Some of the kindergarten teachers forward Thursday notes with comments for their class. We recommend you sign up for Thursday notes, because it is a wealth of information.
8. Idea to incentivize box tops - example, give a pencil to the kid in each class who brings the most. Box tops can be given to teacher.
9. What is your role as a principal and why do you appreciate the PTA? The role of the principal is dramatically changing, new requirements pull her further away from kids. Loves to be around kids and misses that because the principal position is now focused on budgeting, marketing, keeping teachers happy and knowledgeable, school culture, and working with parents. Budget is a huge part of her job — she manages a \$4.7 million budget. School receives \$4000 per student and she has to estimate the number of students that will be here to

determine staffing, etc. Budget is completely transparent — feel free to come to the CSC meetings to hear more about the school's finances and decisions made for the school.

10. Bill Roberts feels very big, can you speak about the community at this school? Bill Roberts has 922 kids and she wants to know all the students and their parents, but it is overwhelming. The administration has split so that each of them covers only a few grade levels — those administrators work specifically with the teachers and students in those grade levels to make the numbers manageable and help them get to know that small community.

7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Call to Order

President's Report: Wendy Largey billrobertspta@gmail.com

- Please use PTA closet for supplies before buying things
- Shirts are available - more info via email
- Previous years coffee has been a greet & give, but this year Wendy would like PTA to pay for coffee and invite parents to thank them. Approved by PTA members. Need ideas for coffee truck or how coffee will get here.

Vice President's Report: Tricia Campbell billrobertsvp@gmail.com

- No report

Treasurer's Report: Cate Mueller catherinewise@hotmail.com

- Proposed budget
- Expense voucher — fill them out and give to Cate

Secretary's Report: Nicole Potsane nspotsane@gmail.com

- No report

Committee Reports

Art Support: Rachel Kemble rachelkemble@gmail.com

- Scheduling first meeting either this Tuesday or next Tuesday

Auction: Jessica Hoppe & Laura Moody billrobertsauction@gmail.com

- March 17th, 2018 at Stanley Marketplace.
- Theme: St. Patrick's Day
- Need help with Adobe InDesign

Book It Bobcats: Adie Tate adorband@yahoo.com

- Celebration 9/29, each grade level has its own time — please volunteer for times

Boltage: Laurie Troge laurie.troge@denverchamber.org

- 50 kids each week signing up
- Class competition to earn pizza party

Box Tops: Sarah Connelly sgconnolly@comcast.net

- Box tops can be given to teachers or dropped off by office

Carnival: Ashley Kernstock akernstock@outlook.com

- Will be in May

CSC: Nikki Tomkinson nikki.tomkinson@gmail.com

Greet & Give: Alix Shear alix11b@hotmail.com

- 4 parties this year
- Donations are private and tax-deductible

Directory: Sarah Bartles sarah.bartles@gmail.com

Drama Support: Alix Shear alix11b@hotmail.com

Edukit: Hazel Shields shieldshazel@hotmail.com

Ashley Kernstock akernstock@outlook.com

Family Dance: Laurie Troge laurie.troge@denverchamber.org

- Will be the same night as the book fair (December)
- Food trucks and similar setup as last year

Food Bank: Natalie Tognetti natalie.tognetti@gmail.com

- Pantry is up and running, this week the first donations will go home to families that applied
- Holiday outreach - gifts, etc. - gift-wrapping date TBA
- Changing name to "Outreach Program"

Fun Run: Erica Hake erica_vail@yahoo.com

Melissa Kroll mgkroll@att.net

- 11/11 will be in Thursday notes and website in the next few weeks

Garden/Wellness: Alia Chiappella aliachia@yahoo.com

Maggie O'Toole magdalenaotoole@yahoo.com

- Chef Maggie is hosting harvesting and salsa-making every Monday and Friday with classes.
- Received a grant to purchase 6 bike racks and 2 benches

King Soopers Cards: Jodi Clifford jclifford914@gmail.com

- \$3000/month comes back to the school.
- Need more people to sign up

New Family Support: Jen Janusz jennifer.janusz@childrenscolorado.org

- Reps attended Kinder lemonades and back-to-school night to meet new parents.

Library Support: Amity Flanders amityflanders@gmail.com

- Book fair will be coordinated with dates of Family Dance and Carnival

Middle School: Traci Bekelman tbekelman@yahoo.com

- Costume sale at Bill Roberts 9/27 from 5-7PM.

Original Works: Natalie Thomas nataliejthomas@hotmail.com

- Artwork is created in September, orders are in November

PE Support: Sarah Bartles sarah.bartles@gmail.com

PTA Membership: Wendy Largey billrobertspta@gmail.com

- You must pay \$15 dues to be able to vote (per CO PTA)

Safety & Security: Traci Bekelman tbekelman@yahoo.com

Sponsorship: Adie Tate adorband@yahoo.com

- If you own or know a business that would like to sponsor, contact Adie.
- Starts at \$250, featured in Thursday Notes, sign on fences

Staff Liaison: Nita Baumann nita_baumann@dpsk12.org

Staff Support: Laura Zerbe laurazerbe@gmail.com

Erin Boulware erinroot@yahoo.com

- Most rooms have room parents, but still looking for a few parents
- Recommend scheduling playdates or get-to-know you to meet other parents
- First staff appreciation will be in October

STEM Support Committee: Kevin Hennegan kennegan19@gmail.com

- NEW COMMITTEE!!!! :)
- Support STEM at school
- Science Fair

3rd Party Fundraisers: Julie Gladnick juliegladnick@gmail.com

Rachel Rosenberg rachel.rosenberg@ucdenver.edu

- September 18th at Next Door — 50% will be given back to Bill Roberts

Thursday Notes: Miriam Morrison mirmo@yahoo.com

- Thank you to everyone submitting notes on time

Volunteer Coordinator: Tricia Campbell billrobertsvp@gmail.com

- We need a lot of volunteers — put information in Thursday notes requesting volunteers for specific activities

Watch DOGS: OPEN

Welcoming Committee: Sarah Worth sarahdworth@gmail.com

Website: Tanya Duffy coloradoduffys@yahoo.com

- 4,000 people visiting each month, committee reports, please let Tanya know if anything needs to improved

100 Mile Club: Monica Federico monica.federico@childrenscolorado.org

- 19 kids signed up and there are still 12 scholarship spots open