

MINUTES OF THE EAST PTSA MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2011, 7:00 pm
East High School Commons

7:00 pm – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Liz Adams, PTSA President

Administrative Matters

PTSA Officers: A motion approving the slate of PTSA officers was made by Damita Holland and seconded by Lisa Kerwin. The motion was approved. The officers are:

President	Liz Adams
President-Elect	David Puchi
1 st Vice President	Nora Neureiter
2 nd Vice President	John Youngquist
Secretary	Lisa Headington
Treasurer	Jim Feldewerth

PTSA Dues: The national PTA increased their dues by 50¢. Official notice is given that a vote will be taken at the next meeting, on October 3rd, on a proposal to raise the East PTSA dues from \$10 to \$11 per year.

Guests from EAFAF

Liz Adams explained the relationship and functions of the PTSA and the nonprofit East Angels Friends and Alumni Foundation, and welcomed EAFAF co-President Elect Sue Clinton, who described how donations may be made and the King Soopers dollars program.

Treasurer's Report

Past PSTA Treasurer Mike Tabb distributed a report for the year ending June 30, 2011. There has been no unusual activity, and the PTSA is not financially stressed.

PTSA Committees

Liz Adams introduced the committee chairs and the functions of the committees were described. All committees need more volunteers! Please contact a committee chair if you would like to help.

Principal's Report

Enrollment is at 2,330 with 278 on the wait list (enrollment was projected at 2,250). No positions have been cut due to budget constraints.

Trends over the past 3 years show growth in achievement in a variety of measures, including student and teacher attendance, number of AP tests taken, number of graduates, number of 9th graders on track for graduation, and math and science scores on ACT tests.

The RTI (Response to Intervention) program screens students before they come to East to identify students who may need intervention and support to succeed. Better ways to support students for whom AP classes may be a stretch are being developed.

L.E.A.P. is a new evaluation program for teachers involving 4 unscheduled observations of every teacher every year.

Growth in use of ed modo by teachers is reported. A desire among parents for training in using ed modo was discussed. Parents may email teachers who use ed modo in their classes to obtain an access code. This will allow parents to view assignments, lecture notes, grades, and communications between the teacher and their student.

Parent-teacher conferences: on-line scheduling of conferences will begin in October.

ACT tests will be administered on October 22th.

Next PTSA Meeting

Candidates for Denver School Board will attend the next meeting of the PTSA on October 3rd, and ballot issues will be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Headington
Secretary
East PTSA