



## Over the Fence

Hello, Polaris at Ebert Families! My name is Kim Brummond. I have a 4th grade daughter in Mr. Isaac's class (Delaney) and a 1<sup>st</sup> grader in Mrs. Heng's class (Tanner). I am continuing to be the liaison to informally share with our community what's going on with our fantastic Polaris PTO. Like neighbors chatting over the fence...giving you the scoop in a "Cliffs Notes" version. For anyone who wants to read more, the official minutes are posted each month on the Polaris website at [polarisprogram.dpsk12.org](http://polarisprogram.dpsk12.org).

A big reminder that EVERYONE is welcome at PTO meetings! You don't have to be elected or nominated—come any time. The more the merrier. Chocolate is provided and childcare is available (everyone who drops children should contribute a few dollars to keep our wonderful sitter coming back!).

If you ever have any questions, you can contact me. I dedicate myself to finding an answer! My phone number is (303) 757-6683 and my email is [kimbdenver@comcast.net](mailto:kimbdenver@comcast.net).

Here's the nutshell version of what happened at the meeting on August 25th:

- New PTO President Sue Borgos opened the meeting and made introductions. PTO will be heavily utilizing our website as a key mode of communication.
- Principal Karin Johnson discussed "Norms for Collaboration" and that we, as a dynamic group of people should learn to move toward conflict and handle it respectfully. She said instead of a character trait of the month, **respect** will be the theme of the year and everyone will have an opportunity to participate in its demonstration.
- There were quick updates on items carried over from last year—mostly cooling of the school discussions. And our new computers are here and being set up.
- Our new Treasurer, Karen Nichols, briefly discussed Polaris financials.
- Kim Benson from the CSC (our budget and policy board) said 6-8 people expressed an interest in joining. Two parents stay each year for continuity and two new ones rotate in.
- Our Safety Committee reported that things are going well. A record number of people are taking the bus, 3 paras are covering the playground at lunch this year and a Safety Committee meeting will be held next **Thursday, 9/4 at 8 a.m.** to discuss and tackle the "to do" list for our school. A DPS training was held and there are some things we need to shore up. There will be a Walk to School day October 1<sup>st</sup> (more details to follow).
- Various Committee Chairs made reports. The jog-a-thon will take place on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- A "Green" Taskforce is being put together as we may have the opportunity to be a school in an upcoming pilot project.

PTO meetings are scheduled for the last Monday of each month, from 6-8 p.m. Our next meeting will be held in the library on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!