

Trailside PIE Meeting Notes

November 21, 2025

FALL FUNDRAISER WRAP-UP

We celebrated a huge success from the 2025 Fun Run and Fall Festival.

- Gross income: \$41,865
- Expenses: \$9,790
- Net raised for the school: \$32,074 (up from last year's \$26,489)
- Having sponsors this year made a big difference. Sponsorship income jumped to \$5,200 and covered all student fundraising costs. That lets every dollar raised by students go straight to the school.

WHAT WENT WELL

- Teacher involvement was a big hit, especially tug-o-war and the pie toss.
- Using Fun Services for carnival games reduced setup stress and eliminated storage needs.
- Sponsorships brought in significant new income. [Please support our sponsors!](#)
- Middle schoolers participated more this year, raising \$4,218
- The inflatable race as a school fundraising reward was a standout favorite, and teachers asked for it again next year.

CHALLENGES & IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR

- We did not have enough volunteers.
- We need a dedicated sponsorship chair to manage all sponsor outreach and materials.
- We need a volunteer to focus solely on staffing and volunteers.
- Earlier sponsorship timeline - try to lock in commitments over summer so fall is easier. But we need volunteers to help.
- Pre-making cotton candy and popcorn could help with the long lines during the festival. But again, we need volunteers to sign up to help us with this.
- Do you see a trend???

MOVIE NIGHT (January 23)

Movie Night is coming up and we need a coordinator to make it happen.

- Event runs 5–7pm with popcorn, hot chocolate, pizza, and two short films.
- [We are looking for a Movie Night Coordinator!](#) We promise it is an easy job and we will support you every step of the way. It's a great way to get more involved at Trailside.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Thank you to the parents that contributed to the fall conference meals - the teachers were very grateful, especially for the gluten free pizza! Note that we could order less regular pizza and more gluten free next year! And don't forget about vegetarians on pozole night.

New ideas discussed:

- Dirty soda bar for teachers
- Thank-you card bar, plus collecting comments/shout outs via Bloomz
- A "thank you" box in the office where kids/parents can drop notes for staff

LIBRARY UPDATE

Our first fall Book Fair was a success: every student received a free book, and the event generated \$4,400 in Scholastic dollars.

New book release parties (Dog Man & Wimpy Kid) were fun and fast — books in student hands within 24 hours.

For spring, we want to target the Book Fair more toward middle schoolers. Ideas included asking Ms. Cerna or middle school ELA teachers for feedback on book interests.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS & FUTURE PROGRAMMING

We started a conversation about after school programming options if Trailside loses the 21st Century Grant because of cuts from the federal government. If we want to continue after school clubs, we will need to have parents volunteer to offer clubs, or we will need to offer paid clubs. Could we offer scholarships to some students?

OTHER NOTES

- Recess games - we really need help during the 3rd and 4th grade recess. The boys are competitive and having an extra adult to referee makes a difference!
- Considering a spring talent show at Trailside...does anyone want to help?
- Shared DAAC parent focus group updates
- Health office needs pants (can be used) and underwear (new, please) donations.
- Collecting King Soopers gift cards for Trailside families to help around the holidays.

As always, If you have questions or want to get involved, please reach out at TrailsidePIE@gmail.com.