Colfax PTO Meeting September 12, 2018 Colfax Media Center

Abbie Campsie, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 following the monthly PSCC meeting. She started with welcoming everyone. She asked for a show of hands for new families to Colfax.

Directory Forms are currently being collected. This resource is put together by the PTO to help families get connected with one another. This publication is only used at Colfax. Please fill your family's form out @Colfaxpto.org.

Tiffany Stuckey, VP of Volunteers, is currently looking to fill the final homeroom representatives. The work involved with this volunteer position is to be one of the communication links between the teacher and student family. This person coordinates gifts around the holidays, teacher appreciation week, and other things the teacher needs help with.

Dory Levine, VP of Special Events, highlighted the upcoming Colfax Community gathering called Fiesta. This will take place Thursday, Sept. 27 from 5:30-7:30. Please bring a dish to pass. The PTO will sell Churros and water. This is a great event to meet other families.

Anne Marie Kuchera has offered to organize the Shadyside Run. This 5 KM race on October 6 at 8:00 am helps support the Boys and Girls Club as well as Colfax. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year participating. Flyers will be going home in backpacks. Or email amkuchera@yahoo.com

Teachers were given a \$100.00 gift certificate to help start their year off with extra supplies. The PTO sponsors this donation for about 70 teachers and staff.

The budget was passed out and some events were highlighted. These are just a few of the many things the PTO helps support.

- 1. Dr. Woods has a discretionary fund of \$10,000 to spend as she sees fit.
- 2. Grades K-3 get to participate with Grow Pittsburgh in the school garden
- 3. Frick Field trips.
- 4. Clayton Mansion
- 5. Middle Level Musical

Ross Ingram, VP of Fundraising, is organizing the current Spirit Wear fundraiser. Orders are due Friday. He also highlighted the Ask Drive coming up in November/December and the annual Party for Play in February.

Dr. Woods then plugged a spotlight on all the PTO does to enrich the community experience at Colfax.

Amanda Cline, Treasurer, asked for any questions with the budget. No questions were brought to the floor.

Jeanine Weiss, Colfax Communicator Publication along with Mary Dorfler who edits and does the graphics. This newsletter is filled with interesting articles and photos highlighting all the wonderful things that happen at Colfax. Be looking in the backpack for the first one soon. 5 are written over the school year.

Abbie closed the meeting thanking all for attending. The PTO meetings are done in conjunction with the PSCC meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. If for some reason the school is cancelled due to weather, etc. then the meetings will not take place.