

Colfax PTO Meeting

April 15, 2015

General Board Meeting - Colfax Cafeteria

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Abbie Campsie (President), Julie Wilson (Communications), Ray Obenza (Treasurer), Amber McCann (Secretary), Joie Conroy (Faculty Representative), Raffaella Greco (Middle Level Teacher Representative), Alan Crawford (Fundraising), Marylou Robinson (Assistant Treasurer), Tiffany Stuckey (Volunteer Coordinator).

Executive Board Members not in Attendance: Jamie Kinzel-Nath (Principal)

Meeting began at 6:17pm after the PSCC Meeting.

Areas of Discussion:

Carnaval: We have two chairs for this event (Heather Sendera and Winfrey Mandarino). It will be held June 4.

Executive Board Elections: These will be held next month in May. Come prepared to vote. Please see Abbie if you are interested in running for the board next year. There are handouts available with information about each board position.

Apples for Students: We have 550 points which we will spend from a catalog of available items. Last year, we selected a couple Apple TVs. They are not currently being used because they are not compatible with our current system. The staff is currently working on this issue.

Talent Show: Students, grades 3-8, can try out and the show will be May 26th.

Presidential Election: Abbie opened the floor for nominations for president. Abbie was nominated from the floor. Abbie nominated Shannon Ewing as her co-president. The pair were elected by a raising of hands.

Communications Update (from Julie Wilson): If there is any information you would like included in the weekly email, let Julie know.

Fundraising Update (from Alan Crawford):

Plant Sale: Fliers are available and orders can also be submitted online. Pick-up is May 7. If you would like to buy flowers for teachers, you can note that on your order. We need volunteers to help on pick-up day.

Treasurer Update (from Mary Lou): Budget updates are available. Kudos to the fundraising efforts of our PTO, especially the Ask Drive, Fun Run, and Winter Gala. We have not yet dispersed a majority of the Principal's Discretionary Fund (more will come out). We still will need to payout for Grow Pittsburgh. Current bank balance is \$79,268.84 (does not account for outstanding checks).

Volunteer Update (Tiffany Stuckey): Hopefully everyone is getting emails from their homeroom reps. Don't forget Administrator Support Day on April 22th. Please recognize our staff for all the hard work they do.

Middle Level Update: COACH Bingo was Sunday and it went well. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered. We made about \$1100 for the kids who were there to help. Equity Committee were very helpful as well. Ms. Dawson expressed appreciation to Jenny for all her hard work on coordinating all of the fundraising events for the middle level. Ms. Malvin can answer any questions about how to contribute to any students who are still in needs of funds.

Wake Up the Garden: April 25, 2-4pm. This event is supported by the PTO and Grow Pittsburgh. We have music, Frick Environmental, Murray the Squirrel, a Hula Hoop artist, litter pick-up around the school, a salsa contest, onsite chef, and local council representatives attending. This event is open to all students and their families. Rain or shine.

Yearbook: If you have any photographs that might be appropriate for the yearbook, please email them to Ms. Ricketts at sricketts1@pghboe.net.

Meeting was closed by Abbie at 6:38pm.

Submitted by Amber McCann, Secretary