

Colfax PTO Meeting

October 8, 2014

General Board Meeting - Colfax Cafeteria

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Abbie Campsie (President), Alan Crawford (VP Fundraising), Tiffany Stuckey (VP Volunteer Coordinator), Marylou Robinson (Assistant Treasurer), Amber McCann (Secretary), Joie Conroy (Faculty Representative), Raffaella Greco (Middle Level Teacher Representative), Jamie Kinzel-Nath (Principal)

Meeting began at 6:48pm after the PSCC Meeting.

Areas of Discussion:

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Abbie opened the meeting and asked new attendees to introduce themselves.
- **Stage Curtain:** The new curtain is installed and ready to go. In addition to the side curtains, it covers the back wall of the stage as well.
- **Teacher Grants:** Each Colfax teacher receives \$100 from the PTO to be used for classroom supplies. This is supplied either as reimbursement for materials already purchased or gift cards. All grants have been delivered.
- **Movie Night:** Movie night will be held at 6pm on Thursday, October 30. We will be showing two halloween-themed movies. There will be a \$1-2 suggested donation for admission and middle level students will be selling concessions to raise money for their trip. Attendees should wear a costume.
- **Apples for Students Campaign:** Parents should register their Giant Eagle Advantage Card so that Colfax receives benefit in Giant Eagle's fundraising program. Our school code is 0214. With every purchase a family makes, Colfax gets points and we are able to redeem these for needed items for our school. Last year, we chose two Apple TVs and a boom box for dances.
- **Wall Tiles:** The new wall tiles have been installed in the front stairway of the school. This is an ongoing fundraiser and there is still plenty of space on the wall. They are \$26 each and would be a great idea for teacher appreciation gifts.
- **Allderdice PTO:** Typically, the Allderdice and Colfax PTO meetings will NOT be held at the same time.
- **Run Shadyside:** The event is this weekend. It is too late to register online but registration is still available at TruRunner. Don't forget to mention that you are on Team Colfax. There will be a tent for Colfax participants.
- **Communications Update:** Julie was unable to attend so Abbie shared her report.
 - **Communicator:** All families should have received the Communicator at the end of last month. If you have multiple children and have extras, bring them in to the PTO table so that we may hand them out during tours. The next edition will come in November. A parent asked if "shout outs" will still happen. This will be discussed with Julie.
 - **Yahoo List:** A weekly school information update is sent to this list every Sunday night. Several parents expressed that they have been unable to get on the list. It was reported that you do NOT have to have a yahoo address, only a yahoo account.
- **Fundraising Update:** Alan shared his report.
 - **Spirit Wear:** The Spirit Wear sale is over and shirts should be in within two weeks.
 - **Dining Cards:** Decks are \$20 and Colfax receives 50% profit. Decks will be on sale all day on Monday, October 13, during parent-teacher conference. On Tuesday, the kids will receive order forms to take home. This sale will run until December 19th. If you purchase now, you will receive both the 2014 and 2015 decks.

- **Ask Drive:** Letters will come out in November and will also be included in the Communicator.
- **10 Thousand Villages:** This event will be held Dec. 8 from 6-8 pm at the store in Squirrel Hill. We will receive a percentage of all sales from the evening.
- **Treasurer Update:** Marylou shared her report and presented the new format. Copies are available. We have an ending balance of \$56,135.58. While not budgeted, we made \$150 profit from selling churros at Fiesta.
- **Volunteer Update:** We are finalizing providing homeroom reps for all classroom and Tiffany will be sending out an email to plan a meeting to lay out expectations for this position. We are also looking for people who would be willing to volunteer during lunch/recess, especially in the K-2 lunch period (11:00-11:45am) so that students may utilize the lower playground. All volunteers must have their clearances, which must be updated every three years. Communication about the need to update clearances will happen regularly.
- **Middle Level Update:** We are wrapping up the KidsStuff sale, while will end with \$2700 in profits, approximately \$800 more than last year. Currently, the trip is full and kids are being added to the waiting list. Upcoming fundraisers are the Movie Night and the Prantl's pie sale.

Meeting was closed by Abbie at 7:34pm.

Submitted by Amber McCann, Secretary