

**PTO Meeting**  
**September 9, 2015**  
**Colfax Cafeteria**

**Abbie Campsie, PTO President, started the meeting at 6:41PM**

**President Update:**

- Welcome new families.
- Introduction of 2015-16 officers. Also, Shannon Ewing, who was elected co-president for 2015-16, resigned because her child stayed at CAPA. So Abbie will serve as President, not co-President.
- New 4th grade program - Frick Environmental Center Stewardship Program.
- Calendar coming home on Friday...and on website.
- In need of Assistant Treasurer. Previous person who was elected, their child is no longer at Colfax. Ray agreed to stay on another year.

**Abbie Campsie on behalf of Jenny Ganger, VP of Fundraiser**

**Fundraiser Report:**

- Spiritwear reminder, due September 16th.
- Fundraiser events for the school year will be detailed at the next meeting by Jenny.

**Abbie Campsie on behalf of Ray Obenza, Treasurer**

**Treasurer Report:**

- High level overview of the 2015-16 budget.
- Increase technology to \$20K; reminder to tell teachers to send in request.

**Ann Marie, Colfax Parent & Run Shadyside Coordinator**

**Run Shadyside Update:**

- Run Shadyside, Oct 3rd @ 8AM. Last year raised \$2,000 for Colfax PTO. Registration forms coming home in backpacks next week. Make certain to join the 'Colfax Team'.
- Benefits Boys and Girls Club, after school program. Informations regarding the after school program came home in backpacks.

**Julie Wilson, VP of Communications**

**Communications Update:**

- Introduction
- PTO Weekly email, sign-up. Visit PTO website for instructions. It's easy!
- Bi-Monthly newsletter, Communicator. coming out 3rd week of September.

## **Heather, VP of Events**

### **Events Update:**

- Introduction
- Fiesta! September 24 5:30pm - 8:00pm. Flyer coming home this week. Potluck event, all families bring dishes to share based upon last name, but NO desserts. Churros will be on sale.
- Upcoming: movie night (Oct), ice skating (Jan, Feb), talent show (Spring), Carnaval (June)

## **Mrs. Dawson, Colfax Teacher, Middle Level**

- Introduction
- Student Council - fundraising (Greater Pgh Food Bank), Social event - first dance around end of October. Application went home today for kids to apply/volunteer...parents signature and approval from 6 teachers. Opportunity for kids to rise and shine. Mr. Schmeidlin also assist with Student Council.

## **Sukanya Srinivasan, Middle Level Parent Rep**

### **Middle Level Update:**

- Introduction. Her contact information will be in the Communicator
- Met with teachers regarding Middle Level trip May 19-20to Cedar Point. Mrs. Grecco and Ms. Herr are the lead teachers assisting with the trip. A Parent Meeting will be held at 5:00pm before the next PTO meeting (Oct 14th). The cost is approximately \$300/child with fundraising activities throughout the year.
- Reminder/request for recess volunteers, really need 4th period.
- International Committee, looking for volunteers.

## **Tiffany Stuckey, Volunteer Coordinator**

### **Volunteer Update:**

- Introduction, brief explanation of why she choose colfax and the PTO role.
- Reiterated the need of recess volunteers.
- Also looking for classroom volunteers.
- Always looking for/needng volunteers at fundraising events.
- Visit PTO website, for her contact information and instructions on volunteer forms/needs.
- Still in need of a few more Homeroom Reps; duties include assisting in the classroom with various activities throughout the year.

## **Farmer Paul**

### **Colfax Garden Update:**

- Background...introduction
- Focus on K-2nd grader with a structured program.
- Looking for opportunities to get higher grade levels involved.
- Chef in the Garden Event Thurs & Friday. Area chefs cooking with things from the garden. Parents welcomed.

**Meeting adjourned 7:34pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Yolanda Frank  
Colfax PTO, Secretary