

Colfax PTO Meeting
October 11, 2017

Abbie Campsie, VP of Fundraising, called the meeting to order at 6:30 because current President Julie Wilson wasn't able to attend. She welcomed all the people in attendance.

1. Ms. Balik announced the 1st Thursday of every month is the Pittsburgh Public School Parent Advisory Council meeting. (This use to be called Excellence for All, EFA) All are welcome to attend. The event happens at Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy, 107 Thackeray St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213. The time starts at 5:30 with a meal served and then the meeting goes from 6:00-8:00 pm.
2. Dora Gordon and Alana Dicky are the babysitters for tonight's meeting.
3. Anne Marie Kuchara gave a thank you to all who participated in the Run Shadyside 5 KM fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club and Colfax. We had 182 registrants for the Team Colfax Fundraiser. The final number amount raised is still unknown. It will be published in the budget when it is.
4. October 27, 2017 is our Halloween Movie Night. One of the movies shown will be the new Beauty and the Beast. The second movie for the younger kids is still being decided upon. There will be concessions at the event and all the money raised will go toward the end of the year trip for the Middle Level students. Students are encouraged to show up in their costumes.
5. The final item of business was the budget. We needed to approve/vote on the 2017-2018 budget. 20 members present voted unanimously to pass the budget. Discussion was had about the Title I money we've received this year. Our school is receiving about \$53,000. This money was put towards hiring a Para Professional.
 - a. Someone brought up the question about how much money we can have in reserve being that we are a non-profit organization.
 - b. Someone raised the concern that the green carpet on the playground is starting to show it's age. Thoughts were discussed on ways to pay for that in the upcoming future.
 - c. Someone inquired about the 8th grade promotion budget line. She was concerned that the money was decreased this year. Some teachers and admin told her that \$1,000 was too much for the celebration and only about \$500 was used. She was encouraged to be apart of the team of people who will run the event. (She had a lot of good ideas)
 - d. Clarification was had regarding the playground line in the budget. This money is only to be used on the playground; it is not apart of the general budget.
6. Finally a parent raised the question about a student council this year for young leaders. Ms. Dawson told us the kids met that day to start planning some activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.