

Colfax PTO Meeting

November 12, 2014

General Board Meeting - Colfax Cafeteria

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Abbie Campsie (President), Julie Wilson (Communications), Alan Crawford (VP Fundraising), Ray Obenza (Treasurer), Marylou Robinson (Assistant Treasurer), Amber McCann (Secretary), Joie Conroy (Faculty Representative), Jamie Kinzel-Nath (Principal).

Executive Board Members not in Attendance: Tiffany Stuckey (VP Volunteer Coordinator), Raffaella Greco (Middle Level Teacher Representative).

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

Areas of Discussion:

Movie Night: Movie Night was a wonderful success. Thanks to Heather Sendera for her hard work in coordinating the event. Two movies were shown and close to \$500 was raised for the middle-level trip.

Bridget Purdue: Ms. Purdue has been hired again to direct middle level musical in the spring. If individuals have suggestions for a musical choice, they can send them to Ms. Purdue directly.

Run Shadyside: Thanks to Anne Marie Kuchera and Lara Bruhn for their hard work coordinating the Run Shadyside event. Team Colfax was made up of 239 members, 93 of which were Colfax student. \$2425 was raised.

Apples for Students: Please make sure your register your Giant Eagle card so that our school can receive benefits through the Apples for Students program.

Take Home Tuesday: All students should be receiving information for parents in their folders that come home on Tuesdays. Some parents have expressed that there have been delays in receiving information or that they are missing handouts/brochures that are sent home. If parents have concerns, they can speak directly to their children's teachers. Volunteers have begun distributing items into teacher's boxes on Monday mornings instead of on Tuesday mornings.

Communications Update (from Julie Wilson): The Communicator will be sent home in the 3rd week of November. We are moving from using the Yahoo list for email communications to the Constant Contact system for which the PTO has approved funding. If you are currently on the Yahoo list or in the school directory, you will be included in the Constant Contact system. If you are not currently on either of those lists, please submit your email address to Julie at communications@colfaxpto.org. There will also be a form in the Communicator for submitting addresses. The PTO and the school are discussing options for sharing the system.

Fundraising Update (from Alan Crawford):

Dining Card Brochure: All students should have received a brochure detailing the sale of the Dining Cards. A parent raised concern that the information did not contain how much to sell the cards for. Alan will check into this. The cards are for sale for \$20, \$10 of which goes to the PTO and 5% goes to the local food bank. The sale continues through December 12.

10 Thousand Villages: Our fundraising sale will be Monday, Dec. 8 from 6-8pm. A percentage of sales will be donated to the PTO.

Ask Drive: Parents can expect to soon see a letter requesting donations to the PTO. A copy of the letter and a response form will also be included in the Communicator. Donations can be made by check or online with Paypal.

Treasurer Update (from Ray Obenza): The handouts available at tonight's meeting are incorrect. This year's budget is designed to run at a deficit of \$37,100 to bring down our cash on hand amount. Members can request an updated copy of the budget and financial statements from Ray at rayobenza@yahoo.com.

Meeting was closed by Abbie at 7:07pm.

Submitted by Amber McCann, Secretary