

Attendance: Cheryl Seeley, Randi Sarkin, Diane Condie, Sukanya Srinivasan, Lisa Chotiner, Leigh Winston, Catherine Cosentino, Kimberlee Frischman, Nora Simpson, Paul Foster, Shannon Ewing, Judy Yanowitz.

1. Minutes approved from last month.
2. Financial Report – Katherine Cosentino. (see attached report)
  - a. Income posted for bookmarks, boxtops, cartridge recycling, Frick Environmental Program cards, ice cream sales & read-a-thon.
  - b. Due to the PTO being back in the black, Katherine proposed un-freezing enrichment grants for the spring. This was unanimously agreed upon during the meeting.
3. Technology update – Jenny Ganger
  - a. P4P tech project: check has been written to the school district for laptop purchase as discussed at December PTO meeting. The funds covered seven laptops with some left over. DMS has offered to fill in the remaining amount with school funds to make the total purchase 8 laptops to add to the school's existing cart.
    - i. Each laptop cost approximately \$1500, including all licensed software and security.
  - b. Survey of educational computing resources within the school
    - i. Led by Marcie Ritter and Lisa Schlar
    - ii. So far, have found several unusable computers
    - iii. Continuing to survey teachers to discover how many computers are available, where they are, how they are being used, and to determine how best to use them. Also, want to determine if Colfax's computer situation is equitable with other district schools.
    - iv. Jane McKee (librarian) & Sarah Ricketts (gifted coordinator) are the technology go-to people within the school.
  - c. NEXT MEETING of Technology Committee: 1/27, 6pm at Colfax, Room 129.
4. PTO 2007-08 Audit (update)
  - a. Tom Juring is still working on this; there are no updates at this time.
5. Party for Play
  - a. February 20 at the Golf Club
  - b. Tickets are \$45 each
  - c. Flier with further details to be distributed 1/20.
  - d. More information also on website.
6. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Tuesday, 1/26: Create your own Mosaic Frame in Art Room. Ikea frames will be for sale, or you may bring a frame or other object from home.
  - b. Thursday, 1/28, 5:30-7:00pm: Mid-level "open house" for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. Meet teachers, visit classrooms, and see what Middle Level at Colfax is all about.
  - c. Monday, 2/1: NO SCHOOL – Mid-winter break.

- d. Tuesday, 2/2: Classes resume (G-20 make-up day)
  - e. Saturday, 2/6: Middle Level Valentine's Day Dance 7-10pm Colfax Gym.
  - f. Tuesday, 2/9: Mark Beck Word-building Workshop 3:30 or 6:30pm.
  - g. Friday, 2/26: \$150 deposit due for Middle Level end-of-year trip.
7. Fundraising:
- a. Enjoy books: 36 have been sold.
  - b. Ice cream sales netting approximately \$185 per week. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to continue this program.
  - c. Bookmarks: selling well, but small profits, as it is such an inexpensive item.
  - d. New Ideas:
    - i. ISIDORE FOODS (Lisa Chotiner):
      1. Could potentially replace Market Day (which is not very popular; last month's order was cancelled because it was below the \$1,000 minimum):
      2. Distributor of locally produced foods (meats and produce) which would be distributed at the school, and we would get 10% of sales.
      3. Would be run by PTO rather than the school (Market Day is run by school and profits go directly to the school).
      4. Could start in March.
      5. Contact: David Eson
      6. More info at: [www.isidorefoods.com](http://www.isidorefoods.com)
    - ii. CHICO BAGS (Judy Yanowitz):
      1. Collapsible nylon bags, good for multiple purposes
      2. Cost \$5 to \$18; PTO gets 50% of sales price.
      3. May have bags imprinted with Colfax name/logo.
      4. Could do pre-orders to reduce initial outlay.
      5. More info at: [www.chicobag.com](http://www.chicobag.com)
    - iii. ICE CREAM PARTIES (Shannon Ewing)
      1. Parents often bring in treats for their child's birthday; Shannon proposes offering to sell them ice cream from the stock in the Blue Bunny freezer instead. Parents may like the convenience and the opportunity to support PTO.
    - iv. All ideas were supported and will be pursued further and presented at the next PTO meeting.
  - e. Following up on previously approved fundraisers:
    - i. Talent show & Children's Consignment sale were both approved for this year, but it may take a lot of work to do both these activities. Lisa suggested doing one or the other, but not both. There was also concern about potential conflict between Talent show and a possible spring musical.
    - ii. A Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was also mentioned.
  - f. Lisa will be transitioning to the head of Centennial Celebrations next year. She has already created a FaceBook group for this, please check it out! There will likely be a

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series of Centennial events next year, and while none will be for fundraising, they may be good venues for fundraiser sales.

8. Holiday Reception and Gifts
  - a. Breakfast went well, and donations were generous to allow gift cards for all staff members.
9. New business:
  - a. Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief project (see flier):
    - i. Brothers Brother Foundation will be collecting hygiene items to send to Haiti:
    - ii. Wet wipes or baby wipes, non-liquid soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and brushes.
    - iii. Donations should be sent to homeroom teachers; they will be collected by Student Council and delivered to Brothers Brother.
10. Old Business:
  - a. Traffic Safety
    - i. Still a concern. Reminder: THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY IS NOT TO BE USED BY CARS DURING MORNING DROPOFF OR AFTERNOON PICKUP—BUSES ONLY DURING THOSE TIMES!

Next PTO General Meeting 2/16/10, 7:00pm, Colfax Cafeteria