

PTO Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2009
Colfax Cafeteria

Called to order 7:16 p.m.

Introductions

Treasurer's Report

Katherine unable to attend, but presented budget at EB meeting.

Report distributed at PTO meeting.

Notes:

Boxtops income is one of two payments (thanks Shannon Ewing!)

Negative amt. on ML fundraiser is pre expenses (Sarris Candies)

Plant sale number is gross , not net.

Insurance payment is annual.

Ipods for the gym were purchased with boxtop proceeds.

Bank card service charges are being disputed.

Party for Play proceeds (approx. \$10,000) which will be designated for technology (mobile Ipod lab) at the discretion of the school administration. Will be discussed in June at PTO meeting.

End of Year Activity

Randi Sarkin

June 12 – Middle Level, June 15 Kindergarten through 5

Planning an all-day trip for the whole school to JCC Family Park in Monroeville.

Principal May-Stein to cover cost of busses.

JCC charges \$5.00 per child (approx. \$3,500), expenditure will be voted on at PTO meeting.

Motion by Sukanya Srinivasan, seconded by Ida Simpson to approve \$3,500 to cover activity expense.

PTO did not cover last year because was not for the whole school.

No charge to parents because it's an end-of-year "gift", no request for partial payment.

Families with wide range of abilities to pay for activity.

Motion passes unanimously.

Middle Level Trip

Diane Condi

June 8-9 to Washington D.C. and Six Flags

Spaghetti dinner raised \$1,000 for 40 students who participated (\$25 each) toward the trip.

\$300 is allocated in the budget for a year-end dance, but ML advisory council opted not to have it and

instead requested money to go to year-end trip.

Cost is \$269 per student.

After discussion at PTO meeting, idea of dropping the final dance will be revisited. Many kids looking forward to it. DMS to fund final dance.

Next year – possibly implement idea of individual fundraising accounts for ML students.

Motion to re-allocate \$300 by Ida Simpson, seconded by Randi Sarkin passed unanimously.

Carnaval

Ida Simpson

Wednesday, June 10 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Need parent volunteers, contributors and participants.

Sign up flyer coming home this Friday.

PTO Board Nominations/Elections

Motion by Paul Foster, second by Darcy Gordon... Co-Presidents Kimberly Frischman and Tom Juring are nominated, moved, acclaimed and elected.

Other Officers for next PTO:

Secretary – Leigh Winston

Treasurer – Katherine Cosentino

VP, Communications – Sukanya Srinivasan

VP, Fundraising – Elisa Long and Lisa Chotiner

VP, Special Events – Ida Simpson and Nora Simpson

VP, Volunteer Coordinator – Cheryl Seeley

Teacher Liaison – Randi Sarkin

Acclaimed and elected.

Parent Engagement Report

Diane Condie

Next PSCC meeting is Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 in the cafeteria.

Gateway to the Arts is Thursday, May 7.

Cinco De Mayo celebration will be on Thursday, May 14, grades 3-5

Chorus will perform prior to next PTO meeting, PTO to provide refreshments; Wed., June 3 at 6:30.

Take Your Father to School Day – Friday, May 22

Lisa Chotiner raises issue of fatherless children, understanding it's district-wide initiative not Colfax, but suggests this be changed to be more sensitive to the needs of many children. Other parents express similar concerns.

DMS – Colfax will send flyer with more accommodating, inclusive language.
Parents can also raise the issue at a District Public Hearing.

Principal's Report

David May-Stein –

Next PSCC meeting (May 12) will be a big one featuring Gifted Pilot Update, highlights of Middle Level Program at Colfax, On Site Child Care proposal from the JCC.

Final Quality Review of the school year is May 15 from District and America's Choice leadership.

Huge thank you to entire PTO, especially Maggie Cham, for coordinating teacher's appreciation activities and David Ludwig for wonderful flowers, and Cora Wallace and administration.

Randi Sarkin – Teachers have been receiving donations from the wish list. Thank you parents!

Election Day – No voters permitted in "old" building. Teachers will be on duty for extra security.

Attendance is critical at the end of school. Every day counts.

Announcements

Leigh Winston – Edible Schoolyard Big Dig was successful. We have 10 beds. Families can adopt a garden for a week during the summer and keep harvest.

Beth Tiffany – Sharene Shealy, a Colfax parent, is running for School Board.

Tom Juring – Please drive carefully around the school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m.