

PTO Colfax Monthly Meeting  
September 14, 2016

Minutes:

Julie Wilson, PTO President opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

1. Introductions were made of the 2016-2017 PTO Executive Team
  - a. Julie Wilson-President
  - b. Jitka Benedikova-treasurer
  - c. Chelsa Wagner-assistant treasurer
  - d. Maribeth Hagley-secretary
  - e. Abbie Campsie-fundraising
  - f. Tiffany Stuckey-volunteering
  - g. Nikole Bournias Fiedler-communications
2. A hand out was given with dates for the 2016-2017 calendar year. The PTO calendar will be updated on line with these dates.
3. A hard copy of a monthly calendar will come home with your child starting in October.
4. Events upcoming are:
  - a. Fiesta (Sept. 15) this is a potluck and starts at 5:30.
  - b. Run Shadyside (Oct. 1) please sign up and register using the code for team Colfax- TColfax2016. This is a fundraiser done in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club. The money raised goes to both organizations.
  - c. Halloween Movie Night is scheduled for Oct. 27, this is a Thursday night. It starts at 6:00 pm. Come enjoy an age appropriate movie with all your school friends dressed up in your Halloween Costume. Small snacks will be for sale. One movie will be geared towards the middle level and one movie will be for the primary grades.
5. Volunteer update given by Julie Wilson in lieu of Tiffany Stuckeys absence, please seek out ways to be a volunteer at Colfax. Without the help of many parents time and energy the school wouldn't function as well. You can find a link on the Colfax weeklies or on the PTO website (Colfax.pto.org) to see about getting involved. Tiffany Stuckey will get the list of homeroom representatives out by the end of September.
6. Fundraising update by Abby Campsie
  - a. Mad Mex fundraiser was a success. With the date of Sept. 6, 2016 being a quick turn around from the beginning of school 43 tickets were sold and \$2,100.00 was raised. This is a great start to our fundraising goals.
  - b. Colfax Spirit Wear Sale will start the week of Sept. 19-23. Be on the lookout for the new designs this year.
  - c. The Ask drive will be starting in November. This is one of the big fundraisers of the year and all parents will be getting a letter home about this.

- d. Look to purchase your mother's day gifts through the Colfax PTO this year. Plant sales will take place right before Mothers Day in May.
  - e. Party for Play was highlighted with a date of February 25. Be looking for ways to get involved with this huge fundraiser.
7. Treasury Update by Julie Wilson because last years treasurer has moved and wasn't able to finalize the numbers. Plan on an October release of the revised budget.
8. Communications update by Nikole Bournias Fiedler
- a. The Communicator is Colfax's newsletter. The newsletter is written by administration, staff, teachers, and students. It is a highlight to read when it comes home in the backpacks. Be looking for the first on in October. This is published 5 times in the school year.
9. Questions and Comments made were by:
- a. If you would like to receive emails for a child in the middle level, Grades 6-8 then you can email [dr.sukanya@gmail.com](mailto:dr.sukanya@gmail.com) to be included in those helpful emails.
  - b. The directory goes out to the Colfax School community. It is very helpful for planning play dates or coordinating car pools etc. If you haven't submitted your forms yet please send them to Leslie Grodin. To be included in the directory you need your information in by October 15. More information is listed in the weekly emails.
  - c. Mr. Bill Harris commented and invited the group present to attend the Excellence for All meeting that takes place the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at Sci Tech School. There is a lite meal that takes place at 5:30 and then the meeting follows. If you are interested please contact time.