

Abbie welcomed everyone at 7:08, and thanked the PTO for flexibly changing the meeting from the date of one of the pirate's big game! As a reminder meetings will return to the second Wednesday of the month starting in November.

- 1) Please remember to go online and sign up with Giant Eagle Apples for Students. Our school code 0125!!
- 2) Also reminder about the Dining Cards. For \$25 you can purchase the current dining cards as well as next year's card. The cards are an excellent deal for \$10 off at lots of local dining establishments.
- 3) Party4Play is still without a chairperson. P4P has historically been our school's largest fundraiser and needs a chairperson or co-chair people. Planning needs to start soon and past chairs will help with contacts and information but we must identify a chairperson soon! Please consider or help us identify anyone who might be interested. Anyone interested should contact [Abbieshops@msn.com](mailto:Abbieshops@msn.com)
- 4) Camille will be putting the communicator together. Shout-outs are fun and fun to give and receive. \$2 for 100 Characters! If you are interested in a shout-out, tell Camille or put them in an envelope in the PTO at the PTO. Leslie Grodin is heading up the shout-outs and
- 5) Also as part of communication, if you wish to be added to the Yahoo Group= information is on the website [WWW.colfaxpto.org](http://WWW.colfaxpto.org); OR [Camille.harris39@yahoo.com](mailto:Camille.harris39@yahoo.com) to add you to the list of PTO emails.
- 6) Sivan announced that a Family Fun night is planned. The event will be ice-skating on 2/3/14 at 7-9pm. Also, the talent show, which was tentatively scheduled in November, is also looking for someone to help.
- 7) a) Mary Lou reported on a fundraiser at 10,000 village on Tuesday 11/19 from 6-8 pm. If they sell over 1,000 during those hours we will receive 15% (as a max). They would like volunteers to have a presence in the store that night with information about the school. If interested [Robinson.maryl@gmail.com](mailto:Robinson.maryl@gmail.com)  
b) The ask letter will be sent about 1-2 weeks before Thanksgiving. It will arrive before the year-end to help with taxes.  
c) Sukanya reported on box tops reminded us all to Keep Calm and Clip On. In September we made \$280 from boxtops. Registering at Giant Eagle will also allow them to 'deposit' electronic box tops.

- d) Also, Kara will help us with labels for education. Clip those and send them in to home room teachers.
- 8) Kipp and Ally Mayer, student council teacher organizers, announced that the student council would have a first dance for Middle level students. The dance will be on Friday **11/1** from 6-8 pm. There will be bus transportation for anyone who wishes.
- 9) Ray reported on the budget. We have a \$54000 balance currently. The budget has been amended to include the spring musical that was approved at the last general meeting. Additional details and spreadsheets are available if you wish.
- 10) Jenny Ganger, middle level rep, reminded middle level parents to email her if they are not getting her emails. Part of the missions for ML is to raise funds for the middle level trip and fundraisers are designed to help offset the \$300 fee for children to attend. ML just completed the Kidstuff sale and a coach bingo this Sunday which made about \$1800. They are now offering the Prantl's Pie sales and Rachel's Cure by Design. The trip to Washington DC, has been postponed to April or March. Also as of today, we will have at least 2 busloads of students.
- 11) Anne Marie gave an update on Run Shadyside, which raised \$2185!! 238 people ran as part of Team Colfax, representing 99 kids from Colfax (which doesn't include sibling of Colfax families). This number is up from 145 people from last year. The run organizers were very excited about the energy from Colfax! The run also raised \$1.470 back to boys and girls and to cover race costs. Anne Marie also thanked many people including Mr. Sikorski, Joie Conroy and Lara and Matt Bruhn.
- 12) Next Wednesday, 10/30 is a garden clean up from 3:30-5:30 at the Colfax Garden. If you can help, email [Maria@growpittsburgh.org](mailto:Maria@growpittsburgh.org). Bring your children along to help put the garden to bed for the winter.
- 13) 135 children have signed up for the 100 mile club. Gabby G will get more information out in the form or a participant packet. People can sign up for the 100 mile club anytime. Questions about what would count as miles were raised. Mr. Sikorski announced that there is a 100 mile committee of administrator and teachers that will help determine what things count for miles. The club is only for children. Let's Move Pgh, is doing a symposium in November. Colfax submitted a poster on the 100 mile club about healthy initiatives about the club. The official kickoff of the run was at Run Shadyside on 10/1/13. All miles since that time will be counted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.