

Colfax PTO - General Meeting
March 19, 2014
7:00 PM - Colfax Cafeteria

President

Abbie spoke about the CX application to Frick Environmental to add another educational field trip for 4th and 5th grades. Waiting to hear.

SHannon spoke about the musical "Annie" - in the process of working with facilities on getting a curtain for stage from school that is closed.

In April, CX elects president of PTO. Bylaws state that you must have chaired something or been a homeroom parent, etc. Please let Abbie know if interested. Abbie might pursue if someone else is interested. Nobody on the current board intends to step in.

Next month, PTO meeting will be Tues. 4/8, and Pitt Pharmacy will come in to do a presentation for parents about prescription drug abuse. They will also serve a dinner. 6PM start for meeting, fast PSCC meeting, then presentation.

Communications

Camille not in attendance, so ABbie said that all articles be submitted by March 21st. Shout outs are \$2. Anybody is welcome to write an article.

Fundraising

Mary Lou not in attendance, so Abbie spoke about fundraising. P4P grossed 25K and change. We don't have the net because still working with the PAA regarding the final bill. Dory and Zauyah and Committee did a great job.

Memory tiles - a mailing went home to 8th grade parents. \$26 apiece.

Treasurer

Reviewed budget. We made the budget for the P4P with an additional 3K, depending on what we are able to negotiate. Ask campaign came in at about 7K over initial plan. Total revenues re about 7K ahead of original budget. YTD net revenues \$50400, \$43500 originally planned.

Spending will be highlighted in newsletter. Spending on Colfax store, coding club, middle level theatre program, and CMU architecture workshop (right now, would be for 6th grade next year -- possibly could expand in future), digital microscopes for 8th grade science class. Looking into technology needs in classrooms, and working with district to ensure that purchases can be implemented.

Events

Sivan thanked everyone for coming to the ice skating night. Carnivale coming up 6/5 and will need volunteers. Thanked Joie Conroy for helping with every event.

Middle Level Update

Jenny spoke about middle level trips, Costa Rica and Cincinnati. Hotel rooms selected for 4/4. Final payment due on the 4th. Ida organizing the payments and keeping track, even though she isn't working at CX anymore. Questions about credits, etc. should go to Ida. Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser (and coach bag auction) - Wed. 4/2. Students will come and work to earn money for the Cincinnati trip. Info is on the PTO website. Orders due this Friday.

Dance this Friday. Musical is proceeding, with rehearsals three times/week. Performance is on 5/9-11. Wireless mics are rentable, but we should think about investing in them. Possibility of holding musical at auditorium.

Student Council Update

Kipp spoke about student council. Eight girls are leading the council. They are invited to attend the meeting of the Dream Team at Allerdice, and it was a great experience. Thanks to all who helped with the Council popcorn sale to help school in Tanzania. Cleared \$400 to send to the school.

New Business

Wake up the garden event coming end of April. Second group of students participating in the garden club have started. Maren, Farmer Jim, and Donna McCartney are facilitating. 3-5 grade students, who don't have classroom gardening education anymore. Talking about a student-led recycling program. Fundraiser coming up - family dinner, Sunday 4/6, 6PM. Invitations will go out to all students in backpack mail.

Submitted by Secretary Anne Kurzweg