

Meeting was called to order and introductions were made (about 25 people were in attendance).

1) Mr. Wolfe thanked the PTO for the purchase of 10 brand new microscopes that will replace some that have been in disrepair for a while. His students also made a beautiful thank you card that he shared

Mr. Wolfe also registered 26 middle school students for the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) a few weeks ago. Of the Colfax students, 8 students finished first and will be going to the state competition. The district pays for the student's to go to the state competition.

President's report:

2) There is the potential for the 4th graders will be added to the Frick Environmental stewardship program. Mr. Sikorski, Abbie and Ms. McCartney (4th grade science teacher) will work to complete the packet to apply for this program for our students

3) PTO Co-President, Abbie Campsie, will be hosting a meet and greet tomorrow night, 12-13-14, to encourage new parents to the school (particularly with P4P in mind).

4) Abbie and Shannon are trying to get a curtain for the gym/auditorium (with the musical in mind) that would be free. She is talking to the Facilities Management persons at the district. Stay tuned.

5) The talent show was a huge success and the committee, chaired by Tashia Terry, was thanked!!

Social:

6) Sivan was thanked for the awesome ice skating event in January. It was very well attended, and it is estimated that the bus from East Hills that was funded brought at least 40 students from East Hills on a bus.

7) There will be a movie night for the next family fun night on 3/5/14 in the gym. Ideas on movies will be solicited (K-5 &6-8).

Fundraising:

8) UP modern kitchen will donate 20% of your bill to Colfax.

9) Remember to register your Giant Eagle card with Apples for Students.

10) Ask drive NETTED over \$21,000 this year. 14% of families participated, which is shy of our 30% goal. However, we had an increase in new participation—families that had not previously donated.

Mary Lou also reminded people to buy tiles for the entry hall. They are \$26 each. Sarah Sirlin is offering to help people come up with tiles. The group also discussed getting 8th graders to commit to a tile.

11) Ray O provided the treasurers report. He highlighted some the variances from our budget. The report is available online and Ray offered to field any/all questions about the budget.

FINALLY, Remember to buy a P4P Ticket!!!

12) ML report: remember to pay the last installment for ML trip.

The middle school musical will be Annie. The group has been formed and there is an activities bus for students to take on M, W and Thur

Performances are May 9, 10 and 11.

13) Jessie Ramey reported on Yinzercation and discussed the state budget. On 4/8 at Pgh Obama (tentatively) there will be a debate program on education with the Pgh Interface Network.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

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