

Colfax PTO Meeting Minutes January 11, 2017

Julie Wilson called meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

1. Communication Report:
 - a. Nikole Fiedler encouraged people to sign up for the weekly email that comes out with upcoming dates and information for the Colfax community.
 - b. Deadline was January 11, 2017 to submit articles for the next Communicator issue. This publication will go home the end of January.
2. Special Events Report: (Dory Levine absent, Julie Wilson lead discussion)
 - a. Sukanya Srinivasan gave an update on the next Middle Level Fundraiser. On January 29, 2017 at Colfax Cafeteria the students will host a pasta dinner to help raise money for the end of the year trip. Tickets will be sold and are encouraged to be purchased by January 27. \$5.00 for kids, \$8.00 for adults, tickets at the door will be \$10.00. Costco and Olive Garden are making contributions to keep profits up and expenditures at a minimum.
 - b. January 30, 2017 please join the Colfax community for the all school Ice Skating party at Schenley Ice Rink. The event will be from 7-9 pm.
 - c. Mark your calendars for Colfax's biggest fundraiser of the year, Party 4 Play will take place February 25, 2017 from 7-11:00 pm at the Edgewood Club. Please see Chelsa Wagner for ways to help.
 - d. February 10th is an all school family event-Game Night. It will take place at the school from 5-7. The Chess Club and Math Bingo will be showcased.
3. Fundraising Report: (Abbie Campsie)
 - a. It isn't to late to submit donations for the annual Ask Drive. Letters went out in November and PTO is accepting money till mid January. See Abbie Campsie for more information. \$16,500 has currently been raised but PTO is hoping for more.
 - b. Spirit Wear round 2 order was placed and will be delivered in about a week.
 - c. Middle Level End of the Year trip is in the final stages of planning. The final installment of money is due in March.
4. Ms. Dawson thanked the PTO for the continued support the teacher's feel. Upcoming is the Shakespeare contest where 30 plus Colfax middle level students will compete in a contest at the Pittsburgh Public Theater. This will take place on February 7th.
5. Julie Wilson opened the floor for any new business items.
 - a. A parent raised the concern of the growing population size at Colfax. This individual expressed the classroom space, lunchroom, and gym use as overcrowded. And would like to see conversation taking place with administration, other parents, and teachers. After many people weighed in on the situation Julie Wilson made a proposal to have a follow up meeting separately scheduled in the near future to further

discuss all the layers and concerns of this issue. Please look for information regarding this meeting in the weekly emails in the near future.

Meeting was closed at 7:30 pm