

Colfax PTO September Minutes  
September 13, 2017

Julie Wilson, PTO President opened the meeting at 6:30. The meeting took place in the new media center of the main building. (the old music room).

Julie Wilson welcomed all present to the new school year. She then had all the 2017-2018 PTO Executive Members stand for recognition.

Ben Johnson, Chess Teacher at Colfax spoke about the team that won the city wide competition last year. He informed those at the meeting of two ways Colfax students can participate in Chess.

1. Lunch Time Chess: opportunity for all children grades 1-8<sup>th</sup> to learn the game. This program is free, sponsored by the PTO.
2. After School Program: designed for serious kids to learn even more and participate in the city wide competition.

Mr. Johnson concluded his presentation with a call out for a volunteer to help him with the organization of all the students.

Special events:

1. K-2 Play date at the blue slide park from 10:00-12:00 pm on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Fiesta, September 28 from 5:30-8:00 designed to celebrate the start of a new school year. Please bring something to share. This is at Colfax.
3. Run Shadyside, PTO sponsored fundraiser, is October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. There is a 5 Km run as well as a 1 mile fun walk/run. Please sign up on line at [colfaxpto.org](http://colfaxpto.org) to help with this fundraiser, which also helps the Boys and Girls Club.

Volunteering opportunities:

1. We are in need of recess volunteers.
2. A middle level representative is needed. This is a very helpful role for helping the students fundraise for the end of the year trip.
3. Dory Levine, VP of Special events, is in need of an assistant to help with events throughout the year. Movie nights, Carnival, etc.
4. The Spring Musical is in need of a chair
5. Cobra Store; Megan Beakley is in need of an assistant

Please sign up on line to update your information for the school directory. This is a very helpful tool used exclusively at Colfax.

The first issue of the school newsletter the Communicator is coming out in backpacks in a week.

Abbie Campsie, VP of Fundraising, informed those present of upcoming fundraising opportunities.

1. Run Shadyside fundraiser Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please register at the Colfax PTO website.
2. Spirit Wear is a fundraiser that includes clothing items for purchase with the Colfax Cobra logo.
3. We are exploring the option of selling the Kids Coupon books.
4. In February our huge Party 4 Play fundraiser will take place.
5. A Spring Plant sale in time for Mothers Day and Teacher Appreciation in May

Jitka Benedikova, Treasurer, handed out the 2017-2018 budget. She informed us that the PTO subsidizes a lot of programs at our school. If you would like to look at the budget you can find it on our website, [colfaxpto.org](http://colfaxpto.org). Finally, Jitka told us Dr. Woods purchased a smart board for the teachers to use in the classroom.

Julie Wilson closed the meeting at 7:10 and thanked all those for coming.