

Colfax PTO Minutes
October 19, 2016

Abby Campsie, VP of Fundraising, was facilitating the meeting tonight because Julie Wilson, President, was unable to attend. Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

1. All new families were asked to introduce themselves and they were extended a warm welcome. 4 new families were in attendance.
2. The directory lists of homerooms went home in the student's backpacks today. If there are any other questions about getting your name in the directory please see Leslie Grodin at email colfaxptodirectory@gmail.com.
3. Nikole Fiedler, VP Communications noted the 1st issue of the Colfax Communicator was sent out two weeks ago. If people would like to submit something to be included in the next issue please do so by Nov. 2.
 - a. You may use the Communicator as a place to advertise your business. Space for your ad is for sale, please see Leslie Grodin if you'd like to advertise.
4. The Cross Country Boys and Girls Middle Level teams scored 1st place in the City Wide competition today. Congratulations team Colfax! This is a huge accomplishment.
5. Jitka Benedikova and Chelsa Wagner, VP Treasurers, handed out a current budget.
 - a. Jitka reminded us that the PTO has lots of expenses throughout the year. Some are: \$100.00 to each classroom teacher for supplies they needed, field trips for all grades, technology, etc. These just name a few.
 - b. We, the PTO, is a non profit organization.
 - c. Colfax's Title One money was withheld this year. Due to this loss of income there will be an even greater emphasis on fundraising.
6. Abby Campsie, VP Fundraiser informed us the Spirit Wear orders will be in on Monday. Be looking for those on Monday or Tuesday of next week. This fundraiser raised about \$1,000.
 - a. 10,000 Villages Store in Squirrel Hill on Forbes Ave will donate a portion of their sales the night of ~~November 22, 2016~~ to Colfax. Please use this as an opportunity to support Colfax and in return get some special gifts for the holiday season. Wine and cheese will also be available.
 - b. The annual Ask Drive letters will be coming out in November. This is one of two major fundraisers the PTO relies on to meet budget.
7. Tiffany Stuckey, VP Volunteer Coordinator, informed us that all homerooms except one have a homeroom parent representative.
 - a. Volunteers will be needed next week Oct. 24-27 during the lunch and recess times to sell tickets to children who want to guess how much candy is in the candy jar. The winner will be announced at the Fall Movie Night on Thursday. Guesses are \$0.50 a piece.

8. Dory Levine, VP Special Events reminded us of the upcoming Movie Night next Thursday, Oct. 27th. This event will take place in the Colfax gym and cafeteria. Pizza will be sold by the slice for \$3.00. Popcorn and snacks will also be available for purchase. Students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes or PJ's.
 - a. In January there will be an ice skating night at Schenley Ice Rink. Date still to be determined.
 - b. Party 4 Play is February 25, 2017 at the Edgewood Club in Regent Square. This event still needs a chair
9. New Business:
 - a. A person in attendance brought up the concern of trash and litter on the school playground. They have asked for a trash can to be placed near the playground.
10. Meeting was dismissed at 7:12 pm.