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JANUARY 5, 2011 PTO MEETING

This meeting of the Colfax A.L.A. PTO was held 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria, immediately preceding the PSCC meeting. The meeting was led by PTO President Jenny Ganger.

1. Introductions. (Jenny) Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.
2. Visit from Barbara Moore - Director of East Hills Multi-Purpose Center (Colfax-East Hills Partnership). Barbara's visit is delayed until next month.
3. Party for Play (P4P) update. (Sukanya) This is the PTO's biggest fundraiser. It's a grown-up party for Colfax parents, friends and the whole community; it includes several different kinds of auctions, and food provided by the Golf Club, where it is to be held. Donations for the auctions are needed soon. Sukanya explained how to purchase tickets. Each person can help by: 1) getting donations, 2) giving donations for the classroom baskets, and 3) buying tickets.
4. Budget Update. (Shannon) The budget to date is printed on the back of the PTO Agenda for everyone's review. The \$1601 listed in the "donations-general" column is the money received in response to the donation letter. The \$1368.75 listed under "newsletter advertisements" is the money actually received in payment so far. The \$608.50 in the "spending of ice cream profit" column is the money spent by those who raised it (sold ice cream to earn \$ for their particular cause.)
5. Fundraising Update. The Read-a-Thon has been postponed a few weeks. Camille will update everyone by email with the new start date. Prizes are given based on the time kids spend reading. Having sponsors for Read-a-Thon was discussed- it did not really work this year but could be used in the future. Some attendees wanted to make sure books are available for kids who may not have them at home. Should there be a book library for read-a-thon? All kids do have access to and may borrow books from their classroom and from the library. In addition, could there be book donations for a "reading room" or a reading option at recess? It could be in the lunch area. Per David: maybe something could be worked out.
6. Events. (Nora)
 - Border's Night to kick off Read-a-Thon is delayed as noted above. (The Border's Night is a Colfax, not PTO, event.)
 - Ice skating night will be Wednesday, Jan. 19th from 7:00-9:00 pm. Nora would like to have concessions. Adam and David volunteer to help sell for part of the evening.

7. Middle Level Updates. (Lisa Stupar) Battle of the Bands will be held Saturday. It is a family event. There will be concessions. Tickets can be bought tonight or at the event. All bands are accepted including alumni kids, high school and middle level kids. The winning band receives 10% of the money collected.

8. PTO Presidential Election: April Meeting. If anyone is interested in leadership, they could run for co-president or an executive board position on the PTO. The (co) president(s) will be elected at the next meeting.

Co- Secretary Marjorie Minkler