

# Colfax ALA - PTO Meeting Minutes

## November 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

### **Executive Board members in attendance:**

Beth Tiffany – Co-President  
Katherine Cosentino – Treasurer  
Mike Dickey – VP, Fundraising  
Paul Foster – VP, Communications  
Mike Gordon – Co-Secretary

Diane Condi – Parent Engagement Specialist  
David May-Stein - Principal  
Randi Sarkin - Staff Liaison

Minutes taken by Mike Gordon, Co-Secretary

### **1. Beth Tiffany – Co-President**

Introductions

### **2. Old Business – Beth Tiffany**

Picnic tables have arrived. They will be set up in paved, shaded area on the side of the top playground. Purchased the ones proposed at the last meeting.

Book Bingo was successful event with lots of prizes given away.

Playground/Wall Project:

- Trees have been treated.
- BOE will pay all costs above the \$9,000 we provided and will replace temporary retaining wall.
- Timetable is unknown, but hopefully completed before winter.

### **3. Treasurer's Report – Katherine Cosentino**

Distributed at meeting.

Highlights include:

- \$252 for cartridge recycling
- \$40.67 interest
- \$373.30 for newsletter ads

Balance - \$4,162.81 in general PTO account, \$26,773.72

Looking for someone to do a compliance audit and write up a short report about PTO financials. Approximately two hours to look over books plus file the report.

### **4. Communications Report – Paul Foster**

Directory has been produced and distributed. Additional copies are available upon request to Diane Condi.

### **5. Upcoming Events – Diane Condi**

Thursday, November 6 at 7:00: 5-8 Grade Science Fair  
Friday, November 7, 9<sup>th</sup> Period – Cherrydale money machine for kids who sold \$200 or more  
Wednesday, November 12, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Barnes and Noble (Squirrel Hill) family night  
Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00: PSCC Meeting at Colfax. Agenda available early next week  
Thursday, November 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – First Grade Family Night at Colfax  
Tuesday, December 16 (morning) – PSCC Meeting at Colfax  
Thursday, December 18 – Staff Appreciation Lunch (10:38 a.m. to 1:03 p.m.)  
TBD in January - Market Day, possibly to raise money for a middle-level trip

## **6. Fundraising – Mike Dickey**

- Kids Stuff book net profit will be near \$1,500
- Election Day Bake Sale netted \$821
- Year-end solicitation letter will be going out

## **7. Upcoming Fundraising – Beth Tiffany**

Read-A-Thon: January 23 – February 13

- Sponsors make donations to buy prizes for the kids
- Expect to raise \$7,000
- Includes guest readers, family fun night, sponsor kids per minute of reading they do

Party For Play

- Saturday, February 21 at Grey Box Theater in Lawrenceville
- Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Colfax

## **8. Proposals for Party for Play fundraising beneficiary**

Lisa Schlar – Support Performing Arts with improved sound/lighting systems, curtains and other technical equipment for the new stage in the Gym. Estimated cost of \$20,000.

David May Stein – Multimedia Center/iPod lab where teachers download lessons, research, podcasts, school projects using Macs to enhance student learning. We are currently only using PCs. Students could create videos, newsletters, podcasts, etc. Mac Lab with 20 Macbooks would cost approximately \$30,000. iPod learning lab would be about \$12,000.

Beth Tiffany – Third proposal?

Possibly give parents the opportunity to provide feedback and/or rankings on the various proposals.

Trying to come up with consensus wording for Beth to use when soliciting sponsorships and donations. Agreed upon "Infrastructure and Technology for Creative Learning"

**Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**