

## **MINUTES**

### **MARCH 3, 2011 PTO MEETING**

This meeting of the Colfax A.L.A. PTO was held from 7:10-7:30 pm in the school cafeteria, immediately preceding the PSCC meeting. The meeting was led by PTO President Jenny Ganger.

1. Party for Play (P4P5): report and plans. (Jenny)
  - The general estimate on money raised during P4P5 is \$15,000, several thousand more than the past year.
  - The PTO is leaning toward having P4P be its big fundraiser each year, with no more than three other fundraisers (none of them small.) The money will be raised for general purposes rather than specifics, with focus on "Enrichment."
  - For the money raised this year, the EB is now assessing the highest enrichment needs by surveying teachers, administrators and parents. ELMOs, microphones, field trips and teacher grants are heavy contenders.
  
2. Budget update. (Jenny) Everyone may review the current budget as presented on the handout and ask Jenny or Shannon if they have any questions.
  
3. Fundraising. (Jenny)
  - Read-a-thon. Read-a-thon is finished. The results will be reviewed and reported at next month's meeting. Beth Tiffany is handling this, and it may be expanded next year.
  - Glass jewelry making. This is a small fundraiser arranged by Shannon. It will be held 3/8 in the art room. There will be at most 20 people and space is still available. Shannon presented some samples of what could be made.
  - Plant Sale. This is our next fundraiser. New this year: all ordering can be done on line!
  
4. Events. (Jenny)
  - Movie Night. March family fun night will be Movie Night on March 30. Two movies will be shown at two locations; the movies are still being decided upon. There will be a popcorn machine. The event is for kids and parents. Just come and enjoy!
  - Teacher Appreciation. The first week in May is Teacher Appreciation week. Volunteers are needed. Mark will send a letter to the homeroom representatives for ideas on what to get teachers. He will also suggest things like decorating the classroom doors and daily gifts in each class. David said the teacher/staff appreciation offered before winter break was even better this year and really worth the effort. He offered a heart-felt "Thank you!"

- Carnaval. This end-of-the-year festival will be held on June 9. Nora is forming a committee to organize it. Volunteers are needed.

5. Middle Level Committee update. (Diane) The end of the year trip will be for two nights to Cincinnati. It now looks like there may be enough kids for two buses (two kids short as of now.) A fundraiser for the event just finished.

6. 2011-2012 PTO elections. (Jenny) Co-presidents for next year's PTO will be elected at the April meeting; the executive board members will be elected in May. Ideally, there are co-presidents, but no one has yet volunteered. Volunteers for the co-president and executive board members are needed, as not all board members are returning. David encouraged all parents to consider this service. If he twists anyone's arm, please do it. Kids need parents to continue the momentum of the school.

7. Other. (David) The annual "Bring a significant person to school" day will be held in May. Usually about 200 attend. There will be speakers.

Co- Secretary Marjorie Minkler