

MINUTES

MAY 4, 2011 PTO MEETING

This meeting of the Colfax A.L.A. PTO was held at approximately 8:00 pm in the school cafeteria, immediately following the PSCC meeting. The meeting was led by PTO President Jenny Ganger.

1. Introductions. Jenny extended congratulations to David and Adam on their new positions as Assistant Superintendent and incoming Colfax A.L.A. Principal. She also extended thanks to the 2010-2011 Executive Board (EB) for their service.

2. 2011-2012 Executive Board Elections. Jenny introduced and nominated the slate for next year's Executive Board as follows:
(President: Jenny Ganger, already elected for next year at the April meeting)
VP Communications: Sarah Sirlin
VPs Fundraising: Sukanya Srinivasan and Tamara Dubowitz
VP Special Events: Abbie Campsie
VP Volunteer Coordinator: Mark Beck
Secretary: Margie Minkler
Treasurer: Shannon Ewing
Assistant Treasurer: Ellie Monaco (The EB previously voted to add this position.)
A motion to approve the slate was made and seconded, no objections were voiced, and the candidates were elected with no opposing votes. Teacher representative(s) and middle level committee representative still need to be appointed by the principal.

3. Report of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Jenny reviewed the events sponsored by the PTO for the week including: thank you cards in each of the languages represented at Colfax and including an events list for the week; thank you balloons; raffling of the baskets left over from the P4P event; spa for a day (each teacher/staff could receive a 10 minute massage from on-site masseuse); distribution of flowers; and an all day cafe (offering treats and coffee.)

4. Report on Carnival Planning: NEW DATE. Nora discussed Carnival as the end-of-the-year party for the school, including culture booths, food, kid's carnival games and a dunk tank. It will be held Wednesday, June 8 from 5:30-8:30 (having been moved from June 9th.) Volunteers and suggestions are needed in preparation for the event. On the night of Carnival, individuals may help by bringing food and volunteering their time during the festivities.

5. Current Budget Report. Shannon reviewed this year's budget to date as printed on the back of the Agenda for the PTO meeting. Changes from last month included the addition of a figure in the revenue column for the plant sale (\$732.75.) This

represents checks received so far. No figures are available yet on the finished sale, but it could be estimated at around \$1200. Individuals commented that the option of Paypal was helpful. The read-a-thon numbers were also added this month and may represent the final figures (gross and net revenue at \$1560.66.)

6. Middle Level Update. Diane discussed the success of the middle level trip fundraiser, Coach Bingo. It will be used again next year, probably at holiday gift time. There are now 75 students going on the end of the year trip. Each student that worked Coach Bingo earned \$49.50 toward their trip.

7. Approval of 2011-2012 Budget. Shannon presented the proposed PTO budget for next school year as printed on the back of the PSCC Agenda sheet. Points of note included:

- PTO will use four major fundraisers next year, including the donation letter. A suggestion was made to have the PTO add the selling of "Colfax gear" (now handled by Ms. Marcus.) The PTO could hold an inventory and sell the gear at each event.
- The Principal's Discretionary fund is new for next year. Having this fund would avoid the need for the school and principal to hold separate and potentially duplicate fundraisers; fundraising could be consolidated with the PTO. The principal would then have these funds (\$10,000) available to use at their discretion.
- PTO hopes to expand the number of Enrichment Grants it provides with P4P money. Food is Elementary (second grade) and Frick environmental (first grade) will be supported for next year and the PTO hopes to be able to fund programs of similar quality for all grades.
- Tamara is hoping to tap into available corporate grants to bring more funds to the school. In a compromise regarding PTO ice cream sales, ice cream will be sold only twice per month (half the amount of this year), but people may still use the ice cream sales on these occasions to raise money for their causes.

Mark moved to pass the budget and Shannon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the budget passed with no opposing votes.

Co- Secretary Marjorie Minkler