

PTO Community Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021, 4:45pm

Present via Zoom:

Board members:

Ross Ingram

Tiffany Stuckey

Natalia Duarte

Karey Kluesner

Kuei-o Lin

Stephanie Livshin

Dr. Sanders Woods

Plus two Colfax staff and ten community member participants.

DISCUSSION:

Membership Vote: 2021-22 Colfax K-8 President

Ross forwarded a motion nominating David Lebel for President and calling for nominations from the floor. Karey seconded the motion. No other nominations were brought forward. Ross then forwarded a motion to waive the Section 3.5 PTO Bylaws requirement that to be eligible to be President that:

“...a person must have served, at any time, in any one of the following positions:

- (a) On the Board;
- (b) As a committee chair;
- (c) As a homeroom representative; or
- (d) As a chair of a special event.”

Karey seconded the motion. No members present objected; all members verbally voted in the affirmative.

A vote was then held on the nomination of David Lebel for President. One member abstained via private chat and all other members voted verbally in the affirmative. Congratulations to David!

Nominations and voting for other Officers will occur at the May 12th community meeting.

Treasury report

The latest treasury report was reviewed and will be posted on the PTO website. Kuie-O has completed the audit for the 2019-2020 school year and issued it to the Board for review. The results of the audit will be posted on the PTO website.

Old Business

PTO Book Drive

This effort led by Stephanie has been a great success. There have been 50+ book requests from all grade levels, with each child receiving between 10 and 25 books, depending on age and books donated, plus several bags of board books for Pre-K requests. The majority of requests were for books to be delivered and that was completed this week.

PTO Community Survey

Data from the PTO survey of parents and staff were compiled and distributed to the Board by Natalia. The input will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Upcoming Activities

2021-2022 Draft Budget

Natalia presented the draft budget for the next school year. The budget will be finalized and presented for approval at the May 12th community meeting. The PTO will be having discussions with the leads for the major budget line items in advance of the May meeting. Colfax staff at the meeting agreed that interactions with the teachers and the PTO Board throughout the year would be useful and positive. A potential request for more smart boards for classrooms was brought up. The teacher grant request form is available for those requests.

New Business

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Stephanie has prepared a flyer to send to parents for activities for the week. For parents who want to drop off any items at the school, Wednesdays at the front door are ideal because students are not in the building and someone is available there to accept the items. Other days after 9am but before 2:30 would be the best window, either at the front door on Beechwood or the glass doors to the new building.

Student Transportation

The major item of discussion was related to an urgent issue related to the challenge of transporting children to school via yellow buses, as the District has a severe shortage of drivers and has cut two of the Colfax bus routes. As such some children may not have a way of getting to school. No immediate solution was apparent after much discussion, due to security and safety concerns, but the item will continue to be worked on.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

May 12, 2021