

MINUTES

Colfax Elementary General Membership Meeting - PTO 2021-2022

March 31, 2022 6:16 pm | Meeting called to order by *Erin Travland*

In Attendance

Erin Travland, Kathy Hartman, Taylor Moore, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Jimenez, MaryBryan Wolak, Tanesha Boone Smith, Natalie Fulmar, Jennifer Hall, Ashley Church, Antoinette Wadiak, Brooke Gunter, Michelle Tesiero

General Membership

Erin Travland introduced the Board members present, Kathy Hartman and Taylor Moore.

Erin gave an overview of the PTO and what it stands for.

Erin gave an overview of the year. The biggest fundraiser is the boosterthon and basketball. We were able to do the boosterthon and raised \$26K which was amazing during covid. Most of the monies went to the STEM program and teacher mini-grants.

There was a fall bookfair and raised \$3k, Sky Zone nights raised \$900. Penguin Patch – raised \$1,500.

Our STEM program is setting up a maker's space by Mr. Shaffer. We are in the works of getting everything for this. There will hopefully be a family build night – a construction party. There will be 2 rooms – one classroom and one maker's space. The maker's space will be used to implement classroom activities.

Upcoming events

April bookfair - April 8th preview, bookfair next following week. Jessica Clements will manage the scholastic bookfair, volunteers to help work and run registers, find books, etc. Jessica is looking for someone to head that up next year. During that week there will be a grandparent's day. They will go to lunch with their grandkids and then head to shop.

There will also be a family night at the bookfair. Facebooks, IG, emails – please look out for those. All the information is also passed through the class DoJo.

Tae Kwon Do – will be next week 5th-8th. After school program.

Yearbooks – last day to purchase is tomorrow.

PTO needs Board Members. If you are at all interested – please reach out to help volunteer. There are nomination forms available and those forms are due April 4th.

Field Day is May 6th. This is an all day event. We need volunteers for this event. Volunteers will help man stations. Keep an eye out for a sign up genius to participate. Must clear background check.

5th grade promotion ceremony will be held indoors on June 2nd.

Spirit Wear store will be open again. Stay tuned for 2 new designs coming soon.

Staff appreciation. Every month we do something for the teachers. It could be as simple as putting something in their box. Refill station, crumble cookies, etc.

Teacher Appreciation week is coming up. The PTO will partner again and come up with ideas and send suggestions to parents as well.

Mrs. Garcia added:

Colfax relies heavily on the PTO for fundraising and PTO involvement. Colfax relies fully on the PTO to make things happen. There is a reality out there that schools like ours have a huge amount of resources but most of our classroom teachers have a traditional classroom setting and need resources. We need support and people to go out into the community. We would like to come up with a letter to do some outreach. But without support we cannot do it. There is a lot of collaboration, and we all have a different lens and how we view things. Coming together allows us to do even greater things than what just one or two people can do. Our board meeting can run a little late once a month. If you want to be a part of it – we will find a way to make it possible.

Mrs. Lynch added the school really needs the PTO. Please join and pass the word. It doesn't take that much time and it is one of the best PTOs.

Erin finished with if you have any questions to please let us know.

Mrs. Jimenez – a good way to see how it works is to volunteer for the bookfair. Just to take a small commitment to see how it feels.

Erin finished with there are nomination forms available.

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Meeting adjourned 6:42 PM