

**Columbia Middle School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 6:06 pm till 7:35 pm**

**Present:**

Steve Hamilton, Carla Stonbraker, Alissa Von Holten, Jim Katschke, Cheryl Katschke, Ginger Rigali, Holly Irvine, Heather Dreesen, Helen Wilson, Jennifer LaRochelle, Richard Marquez, Jessica Hyatt, and Terry Foxworthy

**Minutes:**

Approval of minutes: Helen motioned and Richard seconded. All approved.

**Treasures Report:**

Checking	\$2857.55
Savings	\$ 870.16
Total	\$3727.71

Treasures report filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

Vote and accept new members – Discussion of co/chairs for positions. The following volunteers were nominated to hold these positions.

- Hospitality co/chair – Holly Irvine
- Treasurer co/chair – Jennifer LaRochelle
- President co/chair – Alissa Von Holten and Cheryl Katschke
- Vice President co/chair – Jim Katschke and Richard Marquez

Terry motioned to accept Holly co/chair of Hospitality, Jennifer co/chair to the treasurer, Alissa and Cheryl to co/chair the President, and Jim and Richard to co/chair the Vice President. Richard seconded and all votes are in favor. 13 yea votes the motion is approved.

Child care discussed for PTSO meetings. Checking with Vicki, if Pride Ambassadors, will be interested.

Raffle tickets for PTSO meeting discussed possibilities of getting vendors to make this donation in efforts to improve PTSO involvement.

**New Business:**

Newsletter to be send to Mitzi explaining commitment of PTSO, what has been accomplished, by PTSO, included tickets to bottom of PTSO news letter for volunteering, and e-mails to parents.

Back to school idea to improve scheduling to help improve the format, enrollment and promotion of programs.

Fundraiser established and set for kick off on August 15<sup>th</sup>, limited involvement from school but benefits received by all members of the school. August 29<sup>th</sup> will be prize day and October 4<sup>th</sup> will be deliveries.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

Hospitality – Discussion about what worked and what doesn't. Last year's confusion during the spring fundraiser on schedule created issues with teacher appreciation week.

Parent/Teacher conference PTSO food responsibilities:

1. October 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm
2. February 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm

Staff includes 58 total members. We need to represent vegetarian plate, discussed different vendors to provide meals through hospitality.

Apparel – is preparing for first order on August 17<sup>th</sup> submittal. Carla suggested hats so that students could include on hat and slipper day. Beanies were also suggested as alternative to hats.

1. Suggestion for the addition of more spirit days during
2. Canned food drive to wear spirit clothes during that week
3. Hats and Slippers or Top Hats and Toes
4. Spirit weeks to preclude fall, winter and spring breaks
5. E-mail to parents to inform of spirit days as students do not remember

### **Principals Report/Accountability:**

Results of parent surveys

- I would be interested in additional information regarding affordable college options:  
25 yes responses and 7 no responses
- I would like more information on how the school and I can support my child in reaching proficiency in reading, writing and math:  
23 yes responses, 7 no responses and 3 N/A
- I would like more information about school athletic and activity programs:  
24 yes responses and 9 no responses
- I would like to be involved in supporting the school and available to volunteer my time:  
7 yes responses, 19 no responses, 1 maybe and 2 blank

Discussion of special programs available at Columbia:

- Student liaisons
- College Track in 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Pacesetter program in 4<sup>th</sup> year – District offers special options where college credit can be earned in high school. Recently had 25 students graduate high school with associate degrees.
- ICAP – Individual Career Academic Plan a.k.a. ICAP4K

Budget cuts of 24.7 million in district and leaves CMS about 12% short at Columbia of current needs. Mr. Hamilton will continue to look for grants.

Wait list for CMS has accepted 78 students and still has 60 students on the list from district and out of district.

### **Next meeting:**

September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Winner first PTSO drawing: Helen Wilson \$25.00 Gift Card**