

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2010 from 7:10 pm till 8:00 pm

Present:

Steve Hamilton, Helen Wilson, Jessica Hyatt, Sean Hyatt, Angel Chamberlain, Ginger Regali, Mitzi Torres and Terry Foxworthy.

Review Minutes of last Meeting:

Approval of minutes: Approved. Helen motioned and Jessica seconded. All approved.

Review of Treasures Report:

Checking account: \$7468.42
Savings account: \$3877.80
Total: \$11346.22

Finalizing the fall fundraiser and we are almost complete. 250 trees have been planted on the behalf of Columbia Middle School, top 3 received certificates, meeting to determine continued service but Mr. Hamilton declined for the PTSO. Treasures report filed for audit.

Old Business:

- A. Golden services were cancelled for the following reasons:
 - 1. Time commitment and only received about 38% after deductions.
 - 2. Long term issues some have not yet received magazines.
 - 3. Not returning calls.
 - 4. Billed for partial cases.
- B. Looking for a more manageable program through some new vendors.

New Business:

- A. Sixth grade choir – Currently we do not have the sixth grade choir program, but we have partnered with Dalton and in 2011/2012 school year it will be offered.

Committee Chair Reports:

- B. Hospitality – Ginger presented that we have two dates for the February conferences 2/17 and 2/23. She will be providing food for the February 23 conferences due to scheduling conflict and other responsibilities. The food choices for this meeting potato bar/salad bar with condiments like chili, cheese, onions, sour cream, butter, bacon and possibly stroganoff chili.
- C. Apparel sales – Jessica informed PTSO that we have zip up hoodies on order for presentation. Creating a new template for apparel orders and how to promote these products.

Principal updates / accountability:

- A. Spanish parent night – To be held before each PTSO meeting interpreters are present. Angel Chamberlain is working with the community to help provide support.
- B. Receiving another set of net books for the school. This will increase and expand our knowledge base. Improve our growing/learning and development as we have similar products in other classrooms. These will be in the 6th and 7th grade literacy programs.
- C. Governor Ritter and Superintendent Barry have developed a community work force partnership with Aurora.

D. Currently Columbia Middle School has some special programs like STEM and Galaxy.

E. Mr. Hamilton is working on some special grant requests that will help give our students and opportunity to be college bound in the future. Gear up – national free/reduced program for 50 students \$10,000 and a total of \$23 million over a seven year period. Plus Summit 54 where 10 students per year can apply for grant money in this program a total of \$50 Million dollars. He is in the process of creating a partnership and could potentially help 60 students per year regardless of socioeconomics.

F. Promethean boards in 13 class rooms mostly math and Science since the notebooks will be provide in our literacy programs.

Upcoming Events:

February Tech Night

Next meetings: January 6, 2011 and then February 10, 2011