

**Columbia Middle School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 5, 2013 from 6:04 pm till 7:42 pm**

**Present:**

Steve Hamilton, Jeff Hoff, Chris Schaefer, Jim Katschke, Cheryl Katschke, Jennifer LaRochelle, Robert Bruce, one CMS students and Terry Foxworthy

**Minutes:**

Approval of minutes: Steve motioned, Jennifer seconded and all approved.

**Treasures Report:**

Total           \$14,528.72

Treasures report filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

Music Cards – Mr. Hamilton

1. 333 envelopes went home
2. 68 we returned with music card orders
3. 300 cards left over
  - a. Promoting at concert events in December
  - b. Second effort to sell remaining cards
  - c. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:40 – 7:00pm

**New Business:**

Fundraising for 2014 and invited to January 2014 PTSO meeting at either 5:40 to 6:08, or 7:30 to 7:50pm:

1. Believe Kids (local)
2. United Fundraising (Florida)
3. ABC Fundraising (local)
4. Spare a buck
  - a. \$1.00 after \$25.00 the child gets \$5.00 gift card
5. Hat and Slipper day

Fundraising for 2014 invited to February 2014 PTSO meeting

1. Rock Solid Fundraising to discuss issues in 2013 fall fundraiser
  - a. Postage in contract
  - b. Magazines through a different vendor
  - c. Admin must follow through

Hospitality - Nothing to report

Apparel - Chris Schaefer has agreed to chair this position

1. Discussion about Organized sportswear (current vendor)
2. Discussion about other vendors

PTSO attendance

Discussion about how to improve parent involvement

1. Build around what brings parents to school
2. Phone blasts
3. Teachers come to present information about class content

### **Principal Report and Accountability**

January meeting planned brainstorming opportunity

1. Meeting parent involvement
2. Content nights
3. Structure
4. Time Frame
5. Student Recognition at PTSO
6. Students of the Month
7. Perfect Attendance
8. Pride Group to explain CMS
9. Recruiting ideas
10. Send ideas to Mitzi December 20th

Music in the Parks

Is going to run \$9400 this year and it originally started at \$5000.00

1. Pricing entire population of schools out of competition
2. Mr. Hamilton to discuss with program
3. Compete in city competitions instead of music at park event
4. Different opportunities
  - a. Advanced band, choir, and orchestra
  - b. Sport performances
  - c. Art performances
  - d. Opportunities to show talent
  - e. Choir festival at Vista Peak
  - f. Choir performance at North middle school
  - g. Host events at local facilities

Acuity testing

1. Guide instructions for students
2. Independent work groups
3. Help teachers be more efficient
4. Bench marks students
5. Misconceptions

**Request for Funds:** None

**Next meeting:** January 9, 2014 5:30 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:42 p.m.