

**Columbia Middle School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2014 from 6:07 pm till 7:32 pm**

**Present:**

Steve Hamilton, Jeff Hoff, Cheryl Katschke, Jennifer LaRochelle, Robert Bruce, and Terry Foxworthy

**Minutes:**

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

**Treasures Report:**

Total           \$14,404.67

Treasures report filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

Parent involvement – ideas that get parents involved in their students school.

- Coffee Clutch – presented by Mr. Hamilton was very well received. The event lasted from 8:15a.m. until 9:15 a.m. (9:45). Parents in attendance were sent invitations. These families have been Columbia parents for many years asked about parent involvement.
  - Parents: What works and what doesn't work?
  - Talked about being parents
  - What is done at home for students that struggled
    - No technology at home until weekends when struggling with school work
- College Track – Mr. Hamilton was fortunate enough to see how program is working that he helped develop
  - Saw students that he watched struggle grow
- Parent Advisory Committee at Rangeview
  - Advisory committee meets at 6:00 am Thursday's
  - Low enrollment
  - No PTSO becomes boosters for sports
- Columbia PTSO/Accountability joint versus separate
  - Try quarterly mornings PTSO meeting
  - Pick Topics
  - Mil Levy – What did Columbia get in the Mil Levy?
  - Possibly two components
    - Canned topic and Open Topic
    - Office coffee/muffin
    - Start in March
    - TCAP testing in March
    - PARK testing pilot
      - Sample math problem as example
    - New Superintendent
    - Technology

**New Business:**

- Honors breakfast funds \$400.00 receipt. While request was made approval had not yet been determined by PTSO. Discussion of funds that might be available. Murder Mystery and Poetry Event funding not being used in 2013/2014.
  - Jennifer motioned to drop Murder Mystery and Poetry from the budget, and add Honors Breakfast w/\$600 budget. Robert seconded and all were in favor.
  - Mr. Hamilton will fund the second Honors Breakfast.
  - PTSO will take a look at last Honors Breakfast after determining availability of funds.
- Fundraiser Vendor Selection
  - Jim wanted to ask question about Bronco gear? Super bowl occurrence questions support
  - Teacher support versus approval and catalog questions
  - Steve motioned for Believe kids w/additional meeting verification. Jennifer seconded and all in favor.

**Request for Funds:**

As discussed previously about honors breakfast, but no new items to discuss.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

Hospitality – Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> Dinner for teachers at the first parent/teacher conference 3:30pm set up and the second parent/teacher conference snacks provided

**Principal Report and Accountability**

Mr. Hamilton discussed upcoming events for Columbia and Principal.

- February 24<sup>th</sup>, TE (Teacher Equivalent) meeting to discuss staffing budget
  - Last year Columbia added two TE
- Eight grade science concerns
  - Working on solution to issue
  - Looking at curriculum to meet testing
  - There have been four substitutes during the correction process
  - New curriculum caused management issue
  - Meeting needs in Physical Science, Honors Physical Science, and Honors Biology
- Technology renewal budget
  - Proposal being submitted
  - District went with HP equipment
- TCAP begins March 3<sup>rd</sup> and scheduled to finish prior to spring break
- No change in bell times for 2014/2015 school year
- District posted calendar for 2014/2015 school year

**Next meeting:** March 6, 2014 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:32 p.m.