

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2014 from 5:40 pm till 8:30 pm

Present:

Steve Hamilton, Jeff Hoff, Chris Schaefer, Cheryl Katschke, Jennifer LaRochelle, Robert Bruce, two students, two vendors, one parent, Mr. Epstein, Mr. Morton and Terry Foxworthy

Fundraising Vendor A:

Offering the following:

1. Catalog – progressive profits \$15,000 = 50%
2. Online –Ordering
3. Donations – 80%
4. Broncos – 40%
5. Supporting the troops – 40% (no specific group)
6. Frozen – 40 % over \$15,000 = 50%
7. Accounting / Counting (PTSO)
8. Kickoff –Suggested after Labor Day
 - a. Two week event
 - b. One week counting / late orders (PTSO handles)
 - c. 2/3 weeks after is delivery (vendor handles)
 - d. Prizes, kickoff, pig race (vendor handles)
 - e. Broken, damaged, stolen (vendor handles)

Social Studies:

The social studies department came to present National History Day and how it is presented to the CMS Students. This is an opportunity for students to present a research project with a Rights and Responsibilities theme. Students were instructed as well as parent to start the research of their project with resources found at the library, CMS media center, and internet. The students will then develop their topic into one of five presentations: research paper, exhibit, documentary, performance, or website. The school competition is scheduled for February 13, 2014.

Request for Funds:

The social studies team is requesting funding for the National History Day event. Provide 15 items (awards for best website, best extended paper, best movie) to help promote the project. Also, if possible help if one of our students makes it to the district/state/national level. Any financial help will be appreciated.

The social studies team would like to improve the Cougar Lunch and Honor's Breakfast programs with additional funding to provide a little better meals to those students that achieved A's and P's plus 3's and 4's during a semester. Any financial help will be appreciated.

Minutes:

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

Treasures Report:

Total \$16942.26

Treasures report filed for audit.

Old Business:

Fundraising – Topic all night

New Business:

1. Fundraising – Topic all night
2. February meeting conflict – Moving the meeting to February 11th at 6:00 pm
3. Parent Involvement – ideas
 1. Steve presented the Coffee Clutch

- a. Personal invitations from each homeroom
 - b. Two boy and two girl students invite parents
 - c. Sharing ideas of successes and failures
2. Terry presented the Content Nights
- a. Opportunity for teachers to present program to parents
 - b. Present to 6th grade parents to attend PTSO meeting
 - i. Getting parents involved at CMS for next three years
3. Robert presented Door to Door relationship building in their environment
- a. Create talking points to discuss
 - b. PTSO members travelling in pairs through community
 - c. Take off of home visits CMS staff did prior to holidays

Principal Report and Accountability

January 9th was the all day principal meeting and Steve updated Rico Munn and John Youngquist plan for realignment. It was presented at the 30,000 foot level and by July should have a direction of the district, but is still defining the district direction.

A question about Fundraising decisions for the district. Still working on the Mill Levy as property values rise in Aurora. Projected \$20 million for property value increases and certainly heading in the right direction, but still a lot to make up from funding cuts in previous years by the state.

Proposed calendar sent to the Board of Education. Although, previous years were for more than one year this years is adopted for only one year as district reevaluates district direction and new proposed boundaries.

All tests will go online in 2014/2015 and PARK testing is being utilized this year and should provide data back to the district in months instead of a year. Steve will build school planning around this datum.

Fundraising Vendor B:

Offering the following:

1. Catalog – 50% after the school meets the 10% rule (785 students = \$7,850.00 collected not profit)
2. Online – ordering extra three weeks to order
3. Donations - \$10 equals 1 prize
 - a. Only on order form must say donation
4. Coupons – This is similar to incentive awards in previous fundraising events
5. Incentives
 - a. Needs volunteers but offers incentives to volunteers
 - i. \$250 shopping spree for involvement
 - b. Teacher receive incentives for involvement
 - i. \$50 for 50%
 - c. School Participation incentives for involvement
 - i. Grows with participation and involvement
6. Limo or Magician additional prize for 15 items (pick one or the other)
7. Frozen foods

a. 600 items for more	40%
b. 599 to 400	35%
c. 399 to 200	30%
d. 199 – under	30% but \$150.00 charge
8. Counting money (PTSO handles)
9. Detailed invoices – broken down to classroom and individual
10. Kickoff (vendors handles) suggest magic show
11. Prizes and orders delivered together by class
 - a. Errors, damages, and missing orders 24/48 hours (vendor handles)

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:42 p.m.