

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015 from 6:02 pm till 7: 23 pm

Present:

Steve Hamilton, Jeff Hoff, Jennifer LaRochelle, Bertha Moran and Terry Foxworthy

Minutes:

Approval of minutes: Correction of PARCC testing - Steve motioned, Jennifer seconded and all approved.

Treasures Report:

Total \$9695.39

Treasures report filed for audit.

Old Business:

Budget

1. Accepted the amended budget for 2015
2. PARCC testing snack eliminated (students on computers)
3. PARCC testing also raises question on chrome books available at Columbia (decision made on Jan 21st)

Washington trip for 8th grade scheduled February 13-16 with Ms. Nave

New Business:

Spring Fundraiser

1. Scheduled to be discussed March 16th and 17th and sent home in report cards on the 18th
2. Students will have Spring break to sell and reverse calls will be made
3. March 30th a reminder with the Magician will take place
4. March 31st a count will be taken of orders placed during spring break for chance at special award
5. April 6th fundraiser turn in date
6. Count will be held on April 9th at PTSO meeting
7. Order turn in on April 10th with vendor
8. Order forms in triplicate to allow the special count for chance at award for over spring break sales

Request for Funds:

None

Committee Chair Reports:

Hospitality – Church took care of parent teacher conferences and was well received

Principal Report and Accountability

Last conference Principal table set up for questions and was well received by parents. Lots of questions asked and Mr. Hamilton talked with parents one on one answering questions.

Cross walk crew at Telluride and Dartmouth, Columbia and Dartmouth by stop sign with Ms. Novy and Mr. Morton helping create a safe environment for students and motorist.

Proposed Calendar has been drafted for 2015 with new start and end dates still awaiting acceptance by the district.

PARCC testing requires certain tools and accessibility to students. More information to come in February after the meeting on January 21st. CMAS testing will be used for some portions of the testing. Columbia is prepared with enough technology for the testing. Although, the district is looking at some possibilities to enhance testing.

Engagement Metro group came to Columbia to improve the school and improve student engagement. They look at the schools that are successful and introduce the ideas to other schools. Develop programs that help improve the student achievement and engagements (i.e. – immersion days, solutions based processes, developing consistencies, behavioral and cognitive). Started implementing the matrix on January 20th

Choir program looking to be involved in a portion of the music festival. Choir and Orchestra trying to keep costs down. Limiting to 113 students and it may cost \$15.00 per student even after Choir fundraiser. Possible district musicals.

Discussions taking place with 8th grade staff about ideas for the 8th grade about dance, prom, and after party.

Open enrollment Jan 15th for 2015/2016 – Students already enrolled will get opportunity to stay at Columbia.

Upcoming dates:

Jan 19th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 16th Presidents Day

PARCC testing in March

Spring Fundraiser March 18th thru April 6th

March 23-27th Spring break

Next meeting: February 11th, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned: 7:23 p.m.