

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2014 from 6:02 pm till 7:26 pm

Present:

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

Minutes:

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

Treasures Report:

Total \$14,016.06

Treasures report filed for audit. Adjustments to the budget will be made as voted on during February meeting.

Old Business:

1. Online – ordering extra three weeks to order. A 44/46% profit average
 - a. Beyond the two week event
 - b. Vouchers for Time Warner
 - i. Use voucher to activate subscription
 1. Magazine order
 2. Electronic magazine order through electronic device like Kindle
2. Order form
 - a. Everything is all ordered on same order form
 - i. Catalog
 - ii. Frozen food items
 - iii. Magazine
 - b. We only verify what money is in envelope
 - c. Error report created
 - d. Pink Copy – Parents
 - e. Yellow Copy - PTSO
 - f. White Copy – Believe Kids
3. Counting money (PTSO handles)
 - a. Suggestion to count first night and use RED INK
 - b. Suggestion to count second night and use BLUE/BLACK INK
 - c. We need 11x17 Manila envelopes for all teachers
 - d. We need tally sheet for all teachers
 - e. Missing items will be returned to PTSO to verify if really on order and just overlooked
 - i. Should not occur with three step verification and entry by Believe Kids
 - f. Five volunteers would also split incentive given by Believe Kids (see incentives).
 - g. Check sent for half gets 1% off
 - h. Counting days scheduled for September 16th and 17th
 - i. Teacher Math Evening
 - j. White papers with teachers names on at Delivery to help organize
4. Detailed invoices – broken down to classroom and individual
 - a. Online orders part of detailed invoice
 - b. Only one invoice entire event
 - i. Unless late orders
5. Kickoff (vendors handles) suggest magic show
 - a. Three assemblies of 20 minutes each plus transition time
 - b. Scheduled for August 29th
 - c. Event runs through September 15th
 - d. Turn in September 19th /latest 22nd to guarantee delivery week of October 13th through 17th

New Business:

Spring fundraiser – Fun services

1. Contact Fun services
 - a. Start April 3rd
 - b. Close April 8th
 - c. Count April 10th (next PTSO meeting)
 - i. Teachers coming to help count

Request for Funds:

Superintendent plan – Long range planning committee

1. March 13th 4:30 – 6:30 (? Hospitality) provide Pizza/Salad
2. March 17th 4:30 – 6:30 Mr. Hamilton providing BBQ

Raising Money

1. Jim volunteered to raise money providing Nacho days during lunch periods
2. Looking at containers from American concessions
3. Additional cheese required

Committee Chair Reports:

None

Principal Report and Accountability

Mr. Hamilton provided highlights about Tech Bond Renewal

- Students have access to Chrome books Pros and Cons
 - Setup is better
 - Accessibility is better
 - More susceptible to damage
 - Track pad missing
 - Network slow but still in process
 - \$300 browser tools only
 - No software
 - CD drive not available
 - 8HR battery life (plus for schools)
 - No touch screen
 - Google document access when working with peers
 - Teaches grammar and punctuation
 - Taken away concept of learning only in front of teachers
 - Sick or on medical leave students can work online at home
 - Chrome book approved for state assessments
 - Khan Academy partnering with SAT/ACT
 - \$1000/\$16000 train kids on college entrance exams
 - Online access at night during certain times and hours with teachers assistance
 - Teachers can track hours spent on projects
 - Teachers can grade at anytime online immediate feedback to students
 - More time engaged in learning
 - Opportunities to watch instructions as many times as required
- Net books experienced similar pros and cons but being changed
- Coffee clutch to be held again
- Lock in May 20th for 8th grade students
- Instruction calendar discussions coming in 2014/2015 to determine calendar for 2015/2016
- Science curriculum impacting 170 students but working

Next meeting: April 10th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:26 p.m.