

**Columbia Middle School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 from 7:02 pm till 8:14 pm**

**Present:**

Steve Hamilton, Helen Wilson, Alissa Van Holten, Richard Marquez, Tammy Hutchinson, Darby Miller, Darius Pope, Nina Walsh, Jessica Hyatt, Susie Russell, Lee Russell, Regina McDowell, several Columbia Middle School students in the music program and Terry Foxworthy.

**Review Minutes of last Meeting:**

Approval of minutes: Approved. Helen motioned and Richard seconded. All approved.

**Review of Treasures Report:**

Checking account:     \$9212.88  
Savings account:     \$3876.76  
Total:                     \$13089.64

The teachers are using their \$100.00 budget expense for classroom events and turning in receipts. We had \$7262.00 in magazine sales but received four bounced checks. Clothing sales have been good (zip up hoodies coming soon). Treasures report filed for audit.

**Request for Funds:**

- A. Columbia Middle Schools music department is requesting assistance in the Music in the Park program. Discussion to combine Spring fundraiser with Music festival. Helen motioned to combine spring fundraiser to support Music in the park program. Richard Marquez seconded and all were in favor.
- B. Our Life Skills Teacher is requesting a new washer and dryer as the classrooms washer has failed and will not provide hot water. They are several years old. Alissa requested more research and review of budget before voting. A Special e-mail vote will be attempted to resolve this issue immediately.

**Old Business:**

- A. Ordered iPads and they are on the way.
- B. McTeacher's night raised about \$900.00 for the PTSO. Discussion for a Spring McTeacher's night. **SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. NOVY FOR HER EFFORTS** and as the driving force in McTeacher night.
- C. Fall fundraiser – Connect ED call for prize day but only three parents volunteered. Mr. Hamilton had to recruit staff to fill in during their planning time to contribute to the success of the event. **SPECIAL THANKS - TO THE STAFF THAT MADE PRIZE DAY SUCCESSFUL.** We are looking into another vendor for the fall fundraiser because the split starts at 45/55 but after home delivery costs and other requirements by the vendor the school only obtained 39 percent.

**New Business:**

- A. Budget review scheduled for November PTSO meeting.
- B. Discuss fundraising activities for next year and future.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

- A. A.Hospitality will be providing meat and cheese tray with condiments for October 13<sup>th</sup> parent/teacher conferences from PTSO. Looking for volunteers to help provide cookies, water, mini-brownies for 55 people along with clean up afterwards.
- B. CMS Apparel is going well e-mail orders, book fair event and parent/teacher conferences.

**Principal updates / accountability:**

First quarter report cards

School Improvement Plan

Positive Behavioral System – Discussing PRIDE to give a better understanding and develop diversity teams

Upgrade to Security at Columbia Middle School

**Next meeting:** November 4<sup>th</sup> 2010