

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2011 from 6:07 pm till 7:05 pm

Present:

Steve Hamilton, Alissa Von Holten, Jim Katschke, Cheryl Katschke, Jennifer LaRochelle, Helen Wilson, Holly Irvine, Heather Dreesen, Erika Freeman and Terry Foxworthy

Minutes:

Approval of minutes: Cheryl motioned and Terry seconded. All approved.

Treasures Report:

Checking	\$17,130.40
Savings	\$ 807.16
Total	\$18,000.56

1. Proposed budget presented by Helen outlining all expenses.
2. Question came up about the eighth grade picnic. Is Elitche's still the best option for this celebration of the eighth grade? Other suggestions made in lieu of eighth grade picnic. Steve motioned made to leave proposed budget as suggested until future information can be determined about eighth grade party. Erika seconded all were in favor.
3. The life skills dryer has quit working. School has asked if the PTSO would reimburse the expense. Helen motioned to reimburse. Terry seconded and all were in favor.

Treasures report filed for audit.

Old Business:

Mc Teacher's Night Update - a huge success with Special Thanks to Ms. Novy. The three hour event created revenues of \$5,100. Through the hard work of Columbia's teachers and staff they raised \$1050.

Jim motioned with the success of the fall fundraiser, budget cuts experienced by Columbia and Ms. Novy's efforts the funds should be given to the Art department. Terry seconded and all were in favor.

New Business

The proposed budget presented in the treasures report.

Committee Chair Reports:

Hospitality reports

- Teacher's conference nights – Picnic style event for 26 staff members
 - October 13th setting up at 1:00 pm
- Menu is finalized – getting some supplies at Sam's club, Wal-Mart and King Soopers
- Volunteers requested for the event
- Jim offered to discuss with vendors Pepsi and Frito Lay allotments for schools

Columbia Apparel Sales

- Jessica had to step down as the lead of apparel
- Heather has graciously accepted the lead of apparel
 - This year apparel sales has started out strong with lots of interest in the zip up hoodies
 - Youth small and medium are very small suggest changes made to eliminate errors
 - November 22nd next order date

Principal Updates:

1. Cougar bags food drive - weekend cinch sacks for our students that require assistance.
 - a. Holly suggested Pepsi and Frito Lay allotment be used if Jim finalizes w/vendors.
2. Tutoring support - grant official 10/19 support began on 10/11 for 7th / 8th grade students.
3. Homework help - media center now open for homework help after school until 3:45 pm.
4. College track – first meeting held, small group of students identified achievement gaps.
5. Mr. Hollands Opus – grant approved and 21 new instruments donated.
6. Technology grant - three new promethean boards and active impression clickers.
7. Counseling grant – offers assistance to our counseling team.

Stranger communication feedback – As you heard we recently had one of our students approached by someone in a white van. Tried to get student to help find dog and when it didn't work they tried to grab student. Important message:

- Do walk alone use the buddy system
- Make your students aware of the situation
- Fortunate event because of students awareness
- Immediate response from par officers and police patrolling area within minutes
- Concerns from parents about connect ed. system
 - Making adjustments to more flexible blackboard messaging system
 - Ensure that you update you information with central admissions

Tech switches old and outdated have been approved for upgrades through the district. This will speed connections and match fiber optic cabling in school.

Yearbooks – Herff Jones Y- is for yearbook students will receive information on 48 page color yearbook. Final date to order will be in February 2012.

Motion to Adjourn 7:05 pm:

Cheryl motioned Steve seconded. All in favor
Winner of the drawing is Jennifer LaRochelle
Next meeting – November 3, 2011