

**Columbia Middle School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 3rd, 2013 from 6:04 pm till 7:57 pm**

**Present:**

Steve Hamilton, Bertha Moran, Lisa Valente, Jim Katschke, Cheryl Katschke, Jennifer LaRochelle, Robert Bruce, two CMS Students and Terry Foxworthy

**Minutes:**

Approval of minutes: Steve motioned with Jennifer seconding. Minutes approved with date change to 2013. All approved.

**Treasures Report:**

Total           \$25588.45

Treasures report filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

Fall Fundraiser complete with some concerns that we were not raising enough to cover budget items. We only have a few housekeeping items to finish up with the vendor.

**New Business:**

Budget 2013/2014 school year

1. Look over budget line item by line item to determine need
  - a. Pride awards purchased
  - b. Advanced choir shirts for new choir members
  - c. Band/Orchestra
    - i. Black shirts and black pants
  - d. Budget reduced \$2500.00 roughly
  - e. No invoices to date

**Fundraising**

1. We will be looking at next year's fundraising options and vendors
2. Summer packets sent out to improve the fundraising event
3. King Sooper gift card option
4. Discount card option
5. Bring ideas to the table at next meeting
6. Fundraising topic next month
7. Fun Run (?) Pilot in Spring

**Hospitality**

Holly presented the hospitality schedule.

1. October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> awards breakfast from 8:30 till 9:30 am
2. October 17<sup>th</sup> Snack night for Parent/Teacher conferences
3. October 22<sup>nd</sup> Dinner for Parent/Teacher conferences
4. Needs volunteers for set up and breakdown

**Request for Funds:**

Jim Katschke requested \$1250.00 for discount cards to sell for the Music department to help with costs associated with the Music in the park program. Last year's event raised \$2100.00 in only 10 days.

**Principals Report/Accountability:**

Mr. Hamilton presented the Unified Improvement Plan. Showed how information from the Colorado Department of Education was used to identify trends and develop his plan for the future.

He also explained how growth and proficiencies are used to close the gap in Reading, Writing and Math.

He is actively looking to build relationships through parental involvement at school.

1. Lamar Shields
  - a. Engaging boys of color
  - b. Making connections
  - c. Single parent families
    - i. Young men versus Young women
    - ii. Male role models

**Next meeting:**

November 7th at 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned:**

7:57 p.m.