

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2014 from 6:00 pm till 7:21 pm

Present:

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

Minutes:

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

Treasures Report:

Total \$9839.76

Treasures report filed for audit.

Old Business:

Fall fundraiser – Believe Kids – well below expected outcome for fundraising.

New Business:

Budget meeting - We will be cutting/limiting many of the budget items from this year's budget. The following items:

1. \$100 teacher allowance
2. \$3000 8th grade picnic
3. \$1000 assessment snacks
4. \$1000 hospitality limited/cut to \$1000
5. \$100 choir T shirt
6. \$400 Pride concession
7. \$100 free lunch

Instead of the 8th grade picnic Columbia is planning a dance and afterhours activity. Possibly the spring fundraiser will help pay for some of this event. Or a 8th grade staff will handle a hat/slipper day to help fund the 8th grade dance.

Terry to talk with Troy at Believe kids to provide itemized sold list. Find out where dollar amounts brought in most for the event.

Terry to talk with Troy about list of students that sold enough items to call parents to come help with the pick-up of the fundraising materials.

Request of fundraiser to be easier for future events at Columbia Middle School. Suggest that we have a point person with the fundraising company and at the middle school.

Question the product selection\

1. Walk a thons
2. McTeacher night
3. Barnes and Nobel (helps with the purchase of library books)
4. Color Runs
5. Jump for Heart
6. Holiday Sale

Motion

Motion to decrease the annual budget to match fundraising income. All those in attendance were in favor.

Request for Funds:

None

Committee Chair Reports:

Apparel – please remove from agenda

Hospitality – snack night conferences not overly well received

Principal Report and Accountability

1. October count in Colorado provided district with \$7000 per student
2. Funding is slowly being restored to state funding return from previous years
3. Businesses not attracted to Aurora to help provide more funding
4. School is way over projections of 750 students, currently at 794
5. Health classes added at CMS paperwork came home to parents
6. Applied for / created proposal for Pedro Nogueira turned into district accepted
 - a. Pillar of Educational Research
 - b. Education study
 - c. Engagement important for learning
 - d. Group coming Monday to review school
 - e. Make suggestions
 - f. Look at PLC – Discipline data to get male students more involved
 - g. Teach teachers how to talk to students

Upcoming dates: October 22nd fundraiser delivery scheduled 1:45 pm

Next meeting: November 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:21 p.m.