

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2011 from 6:06 pm till 7:16 pm

Present:

Steve Hamilton, Jim Katschke, Cheryl Katschke, Jennifer LaRochelle, Helen Wilson, Holly Irvine, Ginger Rigali, and Terry Foxworthy

Minutes:

Approval of minutes: Helen motioned and Jim seconded. All approved.

Treasures Report:

Checking	\$28,459.10
Savings	\$ 807.16
Total	\$29,329.26

Treasures report filed for audit.

Old Business:

1. Fundraiser

- The fall fundraiser was a huge success and raised \$25,108.97 to date.
- We still have to pay for all services included in the fundraising.
- Steve reports that it has not been since 2004 that the school has seen this kind of fundraising at Columbia.
- Rock Solid Services followed through will all commitments.

2. Budget for school year

- Time for review and will occur at the next meeting.

3. Thanks

- September Newsletter compiled and presented by Terry
- Mitzi in Main office makes the Newsletters possible for Columbia in compiling the data.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events to mark on your calendar

- September 12th - Progress reports going home
- September 19th - Picture retake day
- September 22nd – Mc Teacher’s night 5 -8 pm Thursday at Iliff & Buckley
- September 30th – Skate City night from 6 -8 pm (**Suggest parents escort and supervise**)
- October 7th – Last day first quarter
- October 10th – Teacher’s workday
- November 17th – Barnes and Noble 4 -8 pm Aurora Towne Centre location
 - Night of Art and Literature
 - Auction off Art
 - Percent of event goes to the media center at Columbia

2. Mitzi in the main office found way to attach newsletter electronically to send out via e-mail on districts system.

Committee Chair Reports:

Hospitality reports

- Teacher’s conference nights – Picnic style event
 - October 13th
 - February 16th

- Teacher's Appreciation week
- Administrative Appreciation Luncheon
- Jim volunteered to help with supplies from vendors
- Mitzi providing donation letter to assist in help from community business leaders

Columbia Apparel Sales

- Two weeks out on deliveries – August 17th order date conflicts with all events beginning in August large requests from vendors delayed during this time of year.
 - Schools returning, athletic programs requiring uniforms, along with all sport programs in community.

Principal Updates:

1. Reports from last meeting and questions or concerns

- A lot of data to understand

2. FUNDRAISER EXCITEMENT

Steve very excited about the fundraiser as it was the best since 2004 that has happened in recent years. KUDOS / THANKS to all for an exceptional fundraising event.

3. Federal Counseling Grant

- Full time counselor for Columbia next 3 years

4. Steve also working on two special programs

- Two student mentors (proactive rather than reactive) overall impact
- Staff members schedule arranged to open
 - Media Center - available to students until 3:45 pm
 - Computer lab - available to students until 3:45 pm
 - Tutor Program - available to students until 3:45 pm

5. Spanish parent night on Tuesday before PTSO at Columbia

- Basic meetings to provide communication to community
- Still developing program an expecting more parents

6. Partnership with local Church

- Blue Cougar bags filled with food for the weekend for our students on free and reduced lunch
- Canned food drive to help support homeless students

7. Clubs

- Coming home on September 12th
- 10 or more members school will consider additional clubs
- Pride Ambassador
- Diversity Squad
 - First meeting 9/6
 - Expand club / recruiting
 - Information

8. Comcast partnering with community to provide internet access to students

9. Tech night – learning technology together

Motion to Adjourn 7:16 pm:

Terry won the second raffle drawing to improve PTSO enrollment

Cheryl motioned Steve seconded. All in favor

Next meeting - October 6, 2011