

Columbia Middle School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014 from 6:02 pm till 6:55 pm

Present:

Steve Hamilton, Bertha Moran, one Columbia student, and Terry Foxworthy

Minutes:

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

Treasures Report:

Total \$6,511.80

Treasures report filed for audit.

Old Business:

Fall fundraiser – Believe Kids

1. Great Kickoff to the fall fundraiser
2. Gave away all packets and charm bracelets per class
3. Classrooms that sold the most get a pizza party
4. Overall winner entire school ice cream party
5. 100 prizes given out
6. Tablet to be given away as big prize

New Business:

Count Day

1. A210 set up for PTSO to use on count day
2. Packets w/sheets provided to classrooms
 - a. Cover sheet with students names, columns and titles
3. Private party providing dinner for conference on the 16th
4. 786 students enrolled at CMS
5. District providing the following:
 - a. 5 cases Coke
 - b. 5 cases Diet Coke
 - c. 5 cases of Root Beer
 - d. 15 cases of water

Request for Funds:

\$2000.00 gift cards for cougar lunch's 4 per quarter/per grade for academic achievement

Committee Chair Reports:

Hospitality must provide some chocolate for conferences

Principal Report and Accountability

1. Achievement – Columbia recognized for highest growth in Reading, Writing and Math for students who's English is not their native language.
2. School Performance framework for Columbia on their 8th year of performance/improvement
 - a. Growth data CMS hit 8 out of the 9 growth categories.
 - b. 50% growth or higher taken from all 7th grade students in the state and 79% from students who's English is not the native language.
3. Partnerships at CMS
 - a. Friends first where students create business cards
 - b. STARS leadership program (trains its mentors) for all year mentoring program
 - c. Gear up is identifying 7th graders to track through high school.
 - i. 32 students identified that can earn up to \$40K toward college
 - d. Navy Officer mentoring program

- e. Possible SEA Cadet program
- 4. Kudos to Jeff for creating a proposal for CMS and selected by district to work with Pedro Nogueira on equity and engagement with national training for adults
- 5. Judy's house working with CMS to help students who have lost parents under surviving spouse program.
- 6. New p-20 learning community idea
 - a. Rico Munn rolling out 5 of these feeder groups. Each P-20 will have a go to person as expert on building needs and travel to each school. Focusing on male student engagement. Our 8th grade students went on a field trip to the district office about careers. Allowing the entire school the opportunity.
- 7. District given \$40K to STEM program to continue technology piece
- 8. TE to hire a technology teacher offering web design/computer/architecture at CMS
- 9. Opening up 5 whole sections
- 10. Columbia middle school technology club
- 11. Educational programs
 - a. Handful of students taking online Spanish and Chinese elective choice
- 12. Center based programs expanded
- 13. CMS changed how to support teachers with common planning by content
- 14. Adding a second dean Ms. Boyd
- 15. Bertha working with Spanish speaking community on volunteers and flyer to send out to community.

Next meeting: October 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55 p.m.