

Columbia PTSO
September 4, 2008

Present: Janey Kenny, Helen Wilson, Steve Hamilton, Bonnie Glover (guest), Nichole, Jennifer Klein, Becky Fleck, Haley Fleck, Ginger Rigali, Jill Thompson, Karla Stonbraker, Helen Scholle, Kody, Rebekah Branch, Alissa Branch, David Hilbrecht

Review minutes of last meeting: No minutes to review

Approval of minutes:

Review of Treasurers Report:

PTO Manager is up and running. All of the financials are on that program now.

Savings Account Balance: \$3,831.83

Benevolence fund went to Graebel

Teacher Allowance: \$624.09 paid out so far this school year

Approval of Treasurers Report: Approved

Special Guest: Bonnie Glover EPI (Educational Products Inc.)

Different Fundraisers: School Supplies, Spirit Wear, Jewelry, Garden items, Candles, Cookie Dough, Household items (kitchen & storage)

40% profit: Proposal \$10,000-\$15,000 incentive program available: 5 items \$25 movie tickets, 10 items, itunes gift, 20 items gift card, etc. Jennifer has the proposal for further questions/review

Need 7 weeks for fundraiser: 2 weeks ordering time, 5 weeks to get order in. We need to decide by Oct. 15th and get back with Bonnie

*CMS is responsible for doing the final count of items and money and then turning it over to EPI for processing.

Committee Chair Reports

Hospitality:

Snacks to counters from helpers with magazine sales. Need a count to know how to prepare. Karla Stonbraker will email Ginger and/or Becky to let them know how many to expect.

CMS Apparel Sales:

\$115 of apparel sold. Orders will be delivered to the school on 9/12/08. Bought 4 cinch sacks on order—do we need more? Missing cinch sacks from last year. Steve Hamilton suggested ordering more-maybe order 100. Keep them in the school store?

Old Business:

Budget: won't be able to address the budget until we have results from magazine sales. PTSO would like to have a separate meeting before next PTSO meeting. Board Members to make final decision on the budget, but all are welcome.

New Business:

PTO Manager Website is up and running. People have signed on. Sign up for events through that. Need to get automatic sign in at front office to get set—runs a list of who's in the building, etc.

Request from President Jennifer Klein:

Teacher/Parent involvement: would like to see more teachers involved as a large part of the budget goes to teachers. She suggested having a rotation of teachers each month. Also, we would like to try to get more students to come. We don't know how to help the teachers if they are not here to give us feedback. Mr. Hamilton will get the word out: by departments (math, language, ss, and science) was one suggestion.

More parent involvement too is wanted: how?

Principals Update:

- Fall magazine ended yesterday, 9/3. Prize day is on the 11th—help is needed from 10:30 am to end of day. 12:50-2:50 (inflatable's) Minimum of 8 volunteers needed.
Once count is completed, homeroom teachers passes out paper that tells each student what level prizes the earned, lunch time is when they collect prizes. Sept. 17th: Sky diving: top 10 sellers go w/Mr. Hamilton and another adult and then go to Red Robin afterwards for lunch. Mr. Hamilton did sign a 3 year contract with Magazine people.
- Mr. Hamilton thinking about implementing a Principal's Coffee that would meet every month? Open forum?
- PTSO & Accountability on same nights? No decision was made
- When do we want Hat day? Slipper day? Charge a dollar per student. Oct 2nd: Tops Hats and Toes (1st period teacher collects money) (Totally forgot to put in the newsletter—sorry! Ab)
- Parent Teacher Conference Nights are October 16th & 21st.
Progress reports go home next week Sept. 9th and all students receive one.
- School Improvement Plan: 1st draft sent into district
Community Needs assessment to be added to plan—looking at ways to get that back by parents. Next month: district would like to do a presentation at next PTSO meeting Oct. 9th to discuss to present info to parent community on mill levy/bond on upcoming election. Information in last newsletter (see for more info)
- McDonald's Fundraiser: Mr. Hamilton to look into. Staff would be behind registers taking orders, etc.
- Cici's funds go to general fund
- APS Grading system: standards based program next year, dedicated website to it, trying to gather information to pass out. Karla can put together a short presentation on it in Nov/December; send something out to send to parents to attend.
- Internet orders: \$2500 so far for magazine sales
- Sell apparel: P/T conferences, Fall Conferences
- Girls in track practice: had cell phones stolen. Within locker room there is a coach's office to place valuables. Have been told to lock up valuables in locker.
- Boys/Girls Lunch: 7th & 8th want to be mixed; 6th graders not enough time to eat, run out of food/juice. Invited parents to come be part of the chaos!

Upcoming Dates to Remember: will meet to discuss budget separate from regular meeting-no date has been set yet.

Request for Funds: No requests

Next Meeting: October 9, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29 pm