Columbian PTO General Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2018

- Call to order @ 6:02 pm
- Introductions
- Minutes approved from last meeting
- Melissa:
  - One open committee position for Fun & Fitness day
  - Chair position is very simple as the PE teachers plan/organize the games
    - Let Melissa know if you’re interested
  - Fun Run was very successful - will continue with the program next year
  - Other Fundraising ideas:
    - Amazon Smile
    - HyVee Receipts. - The school gets $1.00 for every $200.00 spent
- Mrs. Beller
  - Thank you for the Fun Run, Box Tops, HyVee receipts, PTO conference dinner, & Halloween Parties - the support is very much appreciated!
  - Columbian has been approved for the Parent-Pre-K program next year
    - 16 families are already on the waiting list
    - Right now our Pre-K is early childhood Pre-K
    - The new program is run by Omaha Schools Foundation for $185.00/week = before/school after care, breakfast/lunch/snacks & 2 field trips/year & the program will be from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM with a professional staff member starting all the staffing best practices at age 4.
    - The teacher will have the regular teacher hours.
    - Eligible children must be 4 years old & potty-trained
    - The new building will have an early-childhood wing with the Pre-K programs & kindergarten
    - If there are more than 24 applicants, entrance will be by a lottery system
    - Stacy Gowan, who is in charge of the program, will be at Kindergarten Round Up this year with more information
  - Music Program = Next Tuesday 11/20/18
    - All school performances will resume next year
  - Thank you for your patience with the parking situation
- Kerri
  - TAGG app is a great way to raise money for the school and is very easy to use
  - 5% of each purchase & 10% on Tuesdays at Flagship commons & Dunkin Donuts
- Melissa (for Deidre)
  - Teacher checks will be going out in December
- Sarah
  - Only active SUG is the Cookie Jar & it’s pretty full at this time
  - Let Sarah know if you would like any committee updates, etc. in the PTO Publisher
- Kelly
  - Book Fair raided $3000.00, which is a $2600.00 profit for PTO, & $1500.00 for the school in Scholastic dollars which Mrs. Beller will work with Literacy Committee to spend
- Leah
  - $307.50 raised so far in Box Tops
- Neighborhood Box Top drive received positive feedback & brought in 300 box tops
- Box tops must have the date & the code included
  - Don’t have to be cut perfectly
  - Can submit multiple one one page
- Staff appreciation committee has started planning - March 25 through 29, 2019
  - Going to have chair massages on the “athleisure” day, lunches (volunteers can come & give the teachers extra time for lunch) & breakfasts (waffle bar), a popcorn day....
  - Would also like students write Thank You’s to all the staff which will be delivered before that week
    - The directory has a roster of all the staff
    - Leah will put a reminder about this in the Publisher

- Melissa (for Jason)
  - Please send pix to Jason Goosen for the yearbook

- Kelly
  - Nominating committee information
  - Nominations in January & elections in April
  - If interested in being on the nominating committee let Kelly or Mrs. A know
  - If you have questions on any of the positions let anyone on the Executive Board know

- NEW BUSINESS

- Melissa
  - Changed Mrs Beller to advisor as by-laws state she is not to be a member of the board
  - Change general meetings to Quarterly
  - Motion to approve = Molly Kapalis
  - Second of motion = Mrs. A.
  - Bylaws approved - no “nays” noted

- Brick order forms will be going out before Christmas so they can be placed in the new building
- Next general meeting will be in January
- Adjourned at 6:37 pm