

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 3, 2015

Julie Weir, PTSO Sr. Chair
Julie Hobbs, PTSO Jr. Chair
Carolyn Dee, PTSO Secretary
David Krane, Principal
Tracey Smith, Parent Involvement Coordinator
Nancy Giansante, Teacher
Shelley Cole
Julie Maranian

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The Minutes of May 13, 2015 were approved as amended.

Principal's Report

David reported that Sarah Ricci has been hired as a 4th grade teacher for the 2015 – 2016 school year. She had been a Special Education Assistant in Winchester and he is pleased she has taken the position. Karen Shiebler, 5th grade teacher, has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. The position has been posted and David is hoping to fill it quickly. Placement for next year continues with the teachers working hard to create balanced classrooms at every grade level. David presented his School Improvement plan to the School Committee at their meeting on May 21. He stated that he was pleased and the School Committee was very receptive to his ideas. Going forward we will be studying the value of homework in each of the grades and continue with the Responsive Classroom Training. We will also continue with the Teacher's College Program where the teachers travel to New York City to attend a day long conference. He stated the benefits are wonderful for the teachers to gain new insights and ideas. He thanked the PTSO and the parent community for all the hard work that we all put into raising the money to maintain the level of services we all have become accustomed to. He is grateful for all we do.

Treasurer's Report

Our total assets at the end of this school year are \$126,939.99. Family Field Day netted \$603.00. Flamingo Flocking with the 6th grade has been a big success. We collected \$680.00 through the flocking and the money will be used to purchase a class gift which the 6th grade will donate to the school. The 6th grade is also participating in bagel buddies for the staff where the money collected will also be used for the class gift. Amazon netted \$615.35 and Auction Memories netted \$607.12 for the year.

Current expenses are retirement gifts for several teachers as well as refreshments for the kindergarten screening. Other expenses include:

CPAC - \$425.00

Scholarship for a graduating Senior - \$500.00

At the end of the year we will have around \$100,000 in our account.

The Parker Damon Fund is holding steady. David said he will discuss it at the first faculty meeting of the new school year.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

PTSO

The meeting schedule for next year will be finalized and posted on Facebook and the Google Calendar as well as the PTSO website. The proposed schedule includes meetings on Monday morning and Tuesday evening swapping every other month. It was decided that the meeting to discuss the PTSO budget for the following year should be in May.

Playground play dates have been set and a flyer went out to all the incoming kindergarten parents.

New Steering Committee for 2015 – 2016 includes:

Julie Weir – Sr. Chair

Julie Hobbs – Jr. Chair

Julie Maranian – Treasurer

Kerry Lewis – Secretary

The Auction Chairs are in place for next year. The Auction will be held on April 9, 2016 at the Devens Common Center. Christine has agreed to chair again next year.

We are still in need of chairs for the Yard Sale, Potlucks and the Directory.

The Steering Committee for 2015 – 2016 was approved at 7:40 P.M.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Dee

PTSO Secretary