

## **McCarthy-Towne School PTSO Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

Julie Weir, PTSO Sr. Chair  
Julie Hobbs, PTSO Jr. Chair  
Tracey Smith, Parent Involvement Coordinator  
Jen Pratt, Faculty Representative  
Judy Bourdon

David Krane, Principal  
Julie Maranian, PTSO Treasurer  
Kerry Lewis, PTSO Secretary  
Christine Russell, Auction Co-Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm.

The Minutes of December 2015 were approved.

### **Principal's Report**

David reminded us that Budget Saturday is January 23rd. He said School Committee seems receptive to the needs of the district and our school. McT's ELL teacher will be leaving in February. A replacement has been hired and is shadowing the current teacher to help ease the transition. David hopes that an additional ELL teacher will be added for the next school year due to the rise in ELL students.

The district's kindergarten night was last week. There was a very good turnout with over 200 families in attendance. This year there is a new online pre-registration system. McT will again have three kindergartens with two of those being full-day. There may be a waiting list this year. Additionally, the first tour of McT was yesterday and the school was very well-received. Next week's tours are full. There has been another tour added to the schedule for March 4. McT Night is at the end of the schedule this year – March 1.

David thanked Jen and Kari, second grade teachers, and Hanna, Art Integration Specialist, for tonight's Art Integration Forum. It provided the parents with great insight into the hows and whys of this important component of a McT education. A slideshow link will be added to the website and the link shared on the Facebook page. It is our hope that there will be an increase in parent attendance at these new forums over time.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The current funds available are \$89,066.43. We received \$1,584.37 from Coffee Pond for our school photos. The final Directory income earned is \$640. The final fundraising tally for the Fall Social is \$752. Four more donations came in for the Direct Appeal bringing our total to \$5,745 from a total of 40 families. Our Fall catalogue fundraiser earnings totaled \$2,418.10. Other incomes this month included \$54 in cookbook sales, \$62 from Amazon, and \$14 from a lost library book.

This past month the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trips were processed. Checks from the Project Bread donation (\$1,027) and the UNICEF donation (\$334 ) were processed. Note there was also an online donation component to the Project Bread; these check amounts are not the totals. We paid custodial services of \$196 for the Fall Social cleanup.

We discussed the need Box Tops clarification for parents and teachers, especially about the classroom contest.

Julie M. added a column for “actual vs. goal “on the Income Sources chart for this school year and last..

### **Other Updates**

Students are encouraged to wear their class colored t-shirts to the school-wide assemblies on the first Thursday of every month.

A draft of the 2016-2017 District Calendar is available on the AB website. It looks like there will be a M/T/W long weekend in October due to Columbus Day and Yom Kippur. School Committee should approve the calendar on Feb. 4.

There are a couple of open positions in the PTSO Steering Committee:

Auction Co-Chairs (for next year)

Tag Sale Co-Chairs

Howler Editor

Scrip Coordinator

Contact Julie Weir if you're interested in learning more.

The Book Swap is February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Admission is free and families are welcome to donate and/or take books. They can be delivered to school starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. Books for ages birth to grade 6 will be accepted.

The Lip Sync Night is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Dress rehearsal will be the afternoon of March 17<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Deb Verner, Bridget Matz, and Lisa Thermidor for running this favorite activity! Sign-up forms will go home Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> and will be collected between Feb. 1 and noon on Feb. 12. The rules are the same as last year!

Christine Russell (Auction Co-Chair, with Samantha Valente-Phillips) shared that the Auction's theme is The Roaring '20s. The Online Camp Auction is happening now with 18 different camp packages. This is a big money maker! The parent donations portion of the auction is underway. A form went home in Friday folders last week. Also, the classroom Auction projects are being worked on in school. The Auction Committee will always take more volunteers. Contact Christine if you'd like to help at [auction@mctptso.org](mailto:auction@mctptso.org).

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Faculty Lounge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Lewis  
PTSO Secretary

