

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Chris Hanlon, PTSO Sr. Chair
Julie Maranian, PTSO Treasurer
David Krane, Principal
Jason Cole, Finance Committee
Donna Kaufmann, McT librarian
Christine Russell
Liz Portanova
Mark Sturman
Tracey Smith, Parent Involvement Coordinator
Megan Bowhers, McT Educational Technology Specialist
Peggy Harvey, District Instructional Technology Specialist

Judy Bourdon, PTSO Jr. Chair,
Kerry Lewis, PTSO Secretary
Jen Pratt, PTSO faculty representative
Jim Benson, Finance Committee
Margaret Busse, Finance Committee Chair
Sara Russell
Michele Abroff
Janice Vatland

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

Jen Pratt led the meeting attendees with an out-of-your-seat Responsive Classroom greet called Hullabaloo.

Acton Finance Committee

Margaret Busse (Chair), Jason Cole (member), and Jon Benson (associate member) of the Acton Finance Committee shared an overview of the committee's role in town and the FY18 Point of View via a handout of slides. *Please see this document for details.*

Parenting in the Cyber Age: Digital Citizenship and Healthy Online Habits

Megan Bowhers, McT Educational Technology Specialist, Peggy Harvey, District Instructional Technology Specialist, and Donna Kaufmann, McT librarian, shared some helpful tips for monitoring technology use at home as well as what the school does in terms of educating our students about online safety. Meghan and Donna begin their lessons in the third grade and they continue through sixth. Here is the digital link to their PTSO presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oRp5jvu6wE3fKwKLymeJJlVthSNr5XAnfhz68pDIQks/e dit?ts=58c86d2a#slide=id.g1b3e951e93_0_7

Treasurer's Report

Julie Maranian shared that our current funds available are \$90,164.32 (This does NOT include the very recent school Auction.)

Recent income/fundraising:

- \$75 check for Spiritwear (total now \$186.50)
- \$100 direct appeal donation (total now \$4,985)

Recent expenses/activity:

- Received field trip deposits for Eyes on Owls presentation, Children's Museum, Museum of Fine Arts. Paid invoices at Children's Museum and the bus for that trip as well as deposit for Lowell National History Park.
- Paid balance of \$750 to Crocodile River Music for assembly performance

The Parker Damon Fund is steady at \$1,385.43. We're waiting for the faculty decision on how to spend this. David promises he'll have a plan by the end of the school year.

Looking Back

Last month's Minutes were approved.

The Auction was great fun. Thanks to all those who helped out!

Looking Ahead

International Night is March 25th 5-7:30P.M.

Upcoming PTSO Meetings:

April 11 – Art integration by Jen Pratt and Kari James (gr. 2 teachers)

May 16 – Superintendent

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Lewis

PTSO Secretary