

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 8, 2014

Tracey Smith, PTSO Sr. Chair
Shelley Cole, Jr. Chair
Carolyn Dee, PTSO Secretary
Chris Hanlon, PTSO Treasurer
David Krane, Principal
Nancy Giansante, McT Teacher
Janet Munson
Michelle Abroff

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

Minutes

The minutes of December 2013 were approved as amended.

Principal's Report

David reported that we have had 1 snow day so far this year. Nurse Betty has not reported a large increase in flu related illnesses this year which is a good thing for this point in the winter season. The budget process is finishing up. Budget Saturday has been pushed up a few weekends to allow the candidates for Superintendent to attend.

Kindergarten Night at McT will be January 28. Prospective kindergarten parents are invited to come to the school and hear a presentation about the philosophy of the school and decide whether it is their choice of school for their child.

A new principal has been chosen for the Blanchard school.

The name for the existing art program will be changed from Sloyd to either Visual Arts or Art. The decision was made as the focus of the program has shifted from only woodworking to a comprehensive art program with a permanent teaching position and a curriculum.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Fundraising

We received the following deposits last month:

Amazon – \$122.05
Octoberfest - \$70.00
Direct Appeal - \$200.00
Box Tops - \$724.57
Scrip - \$907.41

The PTSO has committed \$900.00 towards the Rt. 111 Playground improvement.

McT will be awarding 2 scholarships this year to two graduating seniors from McT who will be pursuing a degree in the Arts.

Auction

The Auction is on schedule. The classroom projects are about to begin. A few projects have been changed from last year. Everything is on schedule for the auction to be held in March.

Facebook

The PTSO discussed whether or not to start a McT Facebook Page. Shelley reported that she has spoken with Sharon Metzger who set up and monitors the page at the Douglas school. Shelley said that Sharon is willing to help us set up the page and monitor it. We hope to use it as a way to provide information to parents. The discussion focused on whether it should be a PTSO page or a school page. We concluded that the page would be a closed community focusing on McT families only and no pictures of the children would be allowed on the page. The PTSO decided to try hosting a Facebook Page and see how it goes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Dee
PTSO Secretary