

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 14, 2014

Tracey Smith, PTSO Sr. Chair
Shelley Cole, Jr. Chair
Carolyn Dee, PTSO Secretary
David Krane, Principal
Nancy Giansante, McT Teacher
Janet Munson
Carol Chytil
Julie Weir

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

Minutes

The minutes of March 19, 2014 were approved as amended.

Principal's Report

David reported on some staffing changes for the end of this year. Darsi will be going out on maternity leave towards the beginning of June. She will be returning to kindergarten in the Fall. Caitlin will be taking maternity leave close to the same time. She will remain out for next year. The 5th grade team is currently looking for a teacher to take over for her next year. Lesley Murray will be filling in for her in June for the last few weeks of school. Jillian Gilfoil has created a very wonderful looking website for McT. She will continue to monitor and improve it with current information over the year. Matt has been appointed the full time Assistant Principal of McT. Formerly he was splitting his time between McT and Meriam but he will now be focusing just McT next year. The administration is reopening the interview process for the .6 Psychologist they hope to hire in the Fall. The Learning Center will be switching classrooms with the reading room in the fall. Sharon Ryan has been named the Social Studies and Science Curriculum Specialist for the district. Sharon's position at McT will be filled by a reading teacher who is currently at the Blanchard school. The placement process for next year is ongoing.

David addressed the article which appeared in last weeks The Beacon talking about a group of parents who brought their concerns to the School Committee concerning whether McT was safe learning environment for children. David assured the group that McT was a safe school and a safe learning environment for our children due to our exceptional teachers and staff.

David talked about the Rt. 111 Playground fund. We are still trying to figure out what we are going to put there as playground equipment is very expensive and we are trying to get the most for our money.

David will present our first scholarship recipient with their award at the ceremony to be held on May 29, 2014.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Budget

Tracey presented the PTSO budget for 2014-2015. She asked everyone to review it and we will vote on it at our last meeting in June.

Fundraising

The Auction was a success and a fun evening for everyone. We made \$49,000 from the Auction which is down from last year. David stressed that he is extremely grateful for all the people who put in so much work to make the Auction a success. Any amount of money we earn is a success. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work and dedication.

Lip Sync was a big success with 50 acts this year. The Yard Sale was a success with \$2,400 being raised for the PTSO. Family Field Day is next Thursday from 5:30 – 7:30. The cost is \$5.00 per child which includes a bowl of Kimball's Ice Cream.

There are 2 Open Positions for Auction Chairs for next year. There are also 2 Open Positions for Family Field Day Chairs for next year.

Julie Weir will be co-chairing the PTSO with Shelley next year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Dee
PTSO Secretary