

**McCarthy-Towne School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 13, 2013**

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

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

Minutes

The minutes of October 2013 were approved as amended.

Principal's Report

David thanked the parent community for the luncheon provided on the Professional Day. It means a lot to the teachers and staff to have such a caring parent community. The November 5 Professional Day was a great day for the staff. A very informative program was put together by Sharon Ryan where she talked about reading aloud to children and conducted a purposeful talk seminar where teachers engage in purposeful discussions in the classroom and how important that is in the learning process.

November always meets with a lot of challenges because there is only one full week this month. There are also parent conferences, a half day and Thanksgiving to add to time spent away from the classroom. December is also a short month as far as days in school spent in school. The teachers are doing a wonderful job keeping up with all the changes.

This year music teacher Jillian introduced mandatory chorus for all 4th and 5th graders. The children are responding well and we are looking forward to the chorus concert on December 18.

Regionalization is moving forward. It will be beneficial for both towns to regionalize. David has been placed on the Blanchard school Principal search committee. While Acton teachers meet once a year by grade level, Blanchard teachers will now be part of that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved 7:25 P.M. We are looking at running spirit wear maybe again in the Spring.

Fundraising

The Auction Committee has purchased new software for \$900 that will be used at this year's auction. There is a meeting next Thursday of the Auction Committee.

The Fall Social was successful and a very fun evening for everyone. This was Chris and Kat's last year chairing the Fall Social so we will be looking for 2 new chairs for next year.

The Book Fair was very successful.

Other

There is talk of creating a McCarthy-Towne Facebook Page. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. J.D. Head, Facilities Manager, will be the guest speaker at the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Dee
PTSO Secretary