

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2013

Shelley Cole, PTSO Jr. Chair
Jen Mabardy, Auction co-chair
Chris Hanlon, PTSO Chair
David Krane, Principal
Bridget Chamberas
Maija Barnett

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes for September 11, 2013 were approved.

Principal's Report

- Helpful routines have been established at the school, including several of the traditional early field trips. 1st graders went to Good Harbor beach to collect creatures for their in-class tide pools. 2nd graders hiked Mt. Watchusset, and were supported by a lot of parents for the challenging hike. 6th graders, under the guidance of a professional archeologist, conducted their Archeology Dig behind the Parker Damon Building.
- The Armory in Worcester has closed, cancelling the traditional kindergarten trip there.
- The presenters for the Nov. 5th professional day cancelled, putting plans for that day in flux. The activities for that day will be based on reading instruction.
- 5th graders are currently on their Merrowvista trip, an experience that will resonate through this year and 6th grade as well.
- Questions were asked about upcoming potential changes: early release Thursdays, school start times, dedicated bus routes, inclusion of Boxborough students. These changes are due to be discussed at upcoming school committee meetings.
- Elementaries would like a dedicated assistant principal.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Fundraising

The Fall Direct Appeal and Genevieve's gift wrap fundraisers are drawing to a close, and, while the overall fundraising total is not yet determined, it will fall fairly below last year's performance.

Shelley Cole reported that she took pictures for 14 families during the Family Photo weekend and earned \$560 for the school.

Jen Mabardy reported that March 22nd has been set as the date for the McT Auction and Treasure Island chosen as the theme. Michele Caterina stepped up to serve as the co-chair. She reported that in total there are around 70 volunteers who make contributions to the event, far beyond the 7 volunteers that she learned worked on another school's auction. We will use new software this year that will make the process far easier. Parents are welcome to help in many ways – one easy way is to work with the classes on their art projects.

Chris Hanlon reported that he and co-chair Kat Hudson were feeling prepared for the Nov. 1st Fall Social. There was a need for 2 – 3 more game volunteers.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Sufficiently submitted,

Chris Hanlon