

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 13, 2015

Shelley Cole, PTSO Sr. Chair
Julie Weir, PTSO Jr. Chair
Carolyn Dee, PTSO Secretary
David Krane, Principal
Tracey Smith, Parent Involvement Coordinator
Nancy Giansante, Teacher
Kerry Lewis
Julie Hobbs

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

Principal's Report

David stated that Kestrel Dunn has been appointed the new ½ day kindergarten teacher. He feels very fortunate that she will be working at our school as she did an outstanding job while student teaching at our school and has continued to volunteer in Vin's class this year. She was a wonderful candidate and he is very happy with her hire.

Justin Kessler has been hired to replace Lindsey Howe who will be leaving McT at the end of the school year.

The candidate for the position of 4th grade teacher will meet with Dr. Brand within the next few weeks. Although the decision is ultimately David's Dr. Brand likes to meet with the finalist's to get to know them better.

Next year's placement continues. We have a few new children joining our school this year from the upper grades. During Kindergarten placement both All Day Kindergarten classes were filled immediately. He was very pleased to see that people's perception of our school has grown and this school is the first choice for many.

David thanked the PTSO for their tireless fundraising efforts. Through all their hard work we were able to keep the assistant hours the same as last year. The Auction was a big success thanks to all the hard work of all the volunteers who put in endless hours of planning. A testament to the dedication of the parents and teachers at our school.

Next Thursday David will be presenting the School Improvement Plan to the School Committee. One of the things we will be looking at with the plan is homework, the levels and the benefits in each grade.

May 28th is Family Fun Day at McT. That same night Matt will be presenting the McT Scholarship at the awards ceremony to a deserving senior. Thank you to the PTSO for allocating the money for the scholarship.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. The Auction raised \$51,747.61 with Box Tops bringing in \$295.50 and the Yard Sale raising \$2,344.50. Family Field Day will be our last fundraiser of the year. Our fundraising is now at \$79,183.34 which is an impressive number. We are on the track to end the year with an improvement over last year.

PTSO Budget 2015 - 2016

Shelley presented the proposed PTSO Budget for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Everything remains the same except for a few items. Hospitality will increase from \$200 to \$250. Student Aid will increase from \$700 to \$1,000. General Expenses will decrease from \$250 to \$150. The total budget will be as follows:

Total PTSO Expenses -	\$5,900
Contracted Services -	\$71,100
Total Budget -	\$77,000

The McT PTSO Scholarship for a deserving senior will remain at \$500 for 1 Scholarship. The PTSO Budget for the 2015 – 2016 school year was approved at 7:25 P.M.

Miscellaneous

Next Year's Auction will be held on April 9, 2016 at the Devens Common Center.

The Yard Sale was a big success this year. Thank you to Julie and her team for all their hard work.

There are a few openings left on the PTSO Steering Committee for next year. Julie is working to fill those positions.

The Facebook Page seems to be popular and is aiding in getting information to our school community.

Playground Playdates for families of incoming Kindergarteners will continue next school year.

Kindergarten screening will take place on May 28 – 29, 2015. This is a change from previous years when it took place in the fall. It was suggested that we choose the Kindergarten Playdates and give a notice to the parents when they come in for the screening so they can put it on their calendar.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Dee
PTSO Secretary

