

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2012

Present:

Michele Caterina, PTSO Chair

David Krane, Principal MCT

Mathew McDowell, Assistant Principal MCT

Patty Lee, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Chris Hanlon, Treasure Shadow

Heidi Dalaklis, Auction Co-Chair

Kristen Fitzgerald

Kat Hudson

Debbie Walz

Rebecca McNeill

Janet

**Introductions:**

All present went around the room and introduced them selves.

**Principal's Report:**

It is now budget season for Acton Public Schools. Budget Saturday is January 28 from 9 to 3 pm. There is a full day of presentations, but citizens' participation is encouraged throughout the day. The APS presentation to the school committee is after lunch. David is in support of Dr. Mills' investment budget. Providing more assistants is one of Dr. Mills' priorities. Principals make a case for the things they need and are requiring at their individual schools.

Dr. Mills is trying to address the discrepancy of the number of assistants at each school. Community Ed will grow its before and after school programs and there will be some accounting issues with the schools that currently have programs.

Our kindergarten information night is January 24. New parents will be here to take tours of the school, ask questions, and meet teachers.

Acton-Boxborough K-12 regionalization is in its very early stages. People are questioning how choice is maintained and if it *can* be maintained with this regionalization

**Minutes:**

The minutes of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved and amended.

**Treasurer's Report:**

It was reviewed and approved.

### **Photographer Update:**

Rebecca McNeill checked with other elementary schools in Acton. Coffee Pond is used by Conant, Douglas and Merriam Schools and everyone seems very satisfied with the photo product and service. They can do outdoor and indoor photos. Prices are a bit higher but they provide a Family Plan (3<sup>rd</sup> child is 50% off). Rebecca will check with the company to see the available dates for next year. Next meeting, a vote will be taken to decide whether to stay with Hockmeyer or to switch to Coffee Pond.

### **Fundraising Updates:**

Scrip: \$550 was raised in December. January 18<sup>th</sup> is the next deadline. It is encourage using the program to buy cards for your everyday shopping.

CPAC: On Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, CPAC presented Leland Faulkner's World of Wonder for students in K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. It was a wonderful hands shadow puppetry show. Next event is scheduled for the upper level grades. It will consist of a Math/Science event.

Box Tops: \$520 was raised. Ashley's class won the challenge.

### Auction Update:

Jim Lewis (the auctioneer from 2 years ago and before) will be back. We should let the community know.

- The MCATs are confirmed
- Jill, Lara, and I looked at the new venue and met the coordinator. Butternut Farm Golf Course is beautiful, closer, and will be a great place to hold the event!
- Business letters have gone out and the donations are starting to come in!
- Parent Donation letters went home on Friday, 12/6. We are hoping to see lots of parent participation this year
- Karen is meeting with the faculty about donations on Monday, 12/9.
- Raffle prizes this year will be:
  - o 1st Prize: Kindle Fire (to be purchased thru Amazon)
  - o 2nd Prize: Apple iPod Touch (to be purchased thru Michele's contact)
  - o 3rd Prize: Nintendo 3DS (to be donated by Patty Lee & Family)
- Raffle tickets will go home with students in a few weeks.
- Auction tickets will go home in a few weeks. Cost is \$29 per person, menu options are Chicken Piccata or Vegetarian Stuffed Portabella Mushroom.
- Classroom projects are in progress
- Design committee will be kicking off soon to come up with creative designs for the venue and centerpieces
- T-Shirt sales will begin in February
- Donation Deadline is March 5th

PTSO approved the purchase of a New Database Software for the Auction. The software cost is approximately \$250.

### Kindergarten Tours:

Patty Lee reported that the Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be needed. School tours for prospective parents will begin in January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Twitter PTSO Feed Update:

### International Night Update:

PTSO reviewed and approved the expense of \$200 fee toward the Parker Damon Building Fund so that it can be used for this event scheduled for Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:57am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Ledebor-Cid