

McCarthy-Towne School PTSO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 12, 2011

Present:

Michelle Caterina, PTSO Chair
Kate Murray, PTSO Junior Chair
Carolyn Dee, PTSO Secretary
David Krane, Principal McT
Jonathan Chinitz, Treasurer
Chris Hanlon, Treasurer Shadow
Patty Lee, Parent Involvement Coordinator
Nancy Giansante, McT Teacher
Debbie Walz
Maria Ledebor-Cid
Julie Weir
Michele Abroff
Other McT Parents

Introductions:

All present went around the room and introduced them selves.

Minutes:

The minutes of September 22, 2011 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Jonathan. We currently have \$106,957 in assets. User Fees are still coming in. The James Family Fund has been liquidated. The Fall Social is a revolving account. The money that is collected at the event is used for the event. It is not funded through the budget. There is \$450 from the budget that will be allocated to CPAC this year. This comes from a cancelled performance last year. It was asked if there was enough money in the budget to allow \$450 to be used for CPAC. Jonathan answered yes. Jonathan reported that there is scholarship money available for families that need it for the 5th grade trip to Merrowvista. The Treasurer's Report was approved at 7:30 P.M.

Principal's Report

David reported that this year we welcomed many new staff members and 38 new families to McCarthy-Towne. He thanked Maria for serving as a parent representative on the hiring committees. David also reported that McT has the most diverse population of any of the schools and emphasized that everyone is welcome at McT. Jean Oviatt-Rothman is the new Math Specialist for the district with Linda Shimick as the Math Assistant working 19 hours per week primarily to support grades 3-6. Every class now has a smart board in their classroom except for kindergarten and we received new books for our reading resource room. We welcomed 4 new teachers and a new counselor. David also thanked Maureen Jones who works as the 19-hour office

assistant but put in countless hours this summer to get all classroom resources in place for the start of the school year.

We have reworked the format of the PTSO meetings to have half of the meetings during the day and half at night. This is in an effort to see if more people can attend. Nancy Giansante will represent the teachers at the night meetings and Matt McDowell will represent them at the day time meetings.

The 5th grade will be going to Merrowvista next week for their 3-day/2-night trip.

The School Committee Meeting will be October 20 here at McT. They will be discussing the use of the PTSO money, so it is important that people attend to make their wishes known. All principals from the schools support the status quo. Everyone agrees that the pooling of PTSO funds would bring fund raising to a halt.

The MCAS's scores are in and we continue to be a high performing school even though the numbers placed us 5th. MCAS scores are one of the many assessments used by the faculty to review the curriculum.

We will be having two school-related forums. One will be talking about the Math Curriculum and the other will be talking about the Special Education program. There was also a suggestion that we have a forum on texting and cell phone use for the older grades.

Fundraisers:

Our goal this year is to raise \$86,650.

Mother Earth – Did not do as well as we had hoped.

Snack Taxi – This brought in \$600

Genevieve's Food Sale – This is still ongoing.

Wrapping Paper – We have decided to run this fundraiser and will be sending the packets home next week in the backpacks.

Fall Social – This will be on October 28, 2011.

Box Tops – Debbie is busy counting the Box Tops and checking to see if they have expired.

Haunted Hoedown – October 29, 2011 at the Maynard Rod and Gun Club. This is an adults only evening and you can still sign up for it.

Lynne Densen has asked for help with hospitality on the following dates: October 20, 28th and November 1 (Professional Day). If anyone can help please contact Lynne.

Adjournment

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Dee
PTSO Secretary