

McMurray Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 am.

President's Remark - Lisa Briegel asked for a motion to work outside the bylaws to form the nominating committee due to February's PTA meeting being cancelled. Lora Spernak made motion and seconded by Debbie Smith. Slate will be presented at the April meeting. She then asked for 5 volunteers to be on the nominating committee. Laura Spernak, Cathy Vargo, Andrea Michalski, M'Liz Held and Karen Bovalina volunteered. Motion made by Debby Antonucci and seconded by Jodi Hannah to elect the five to the nominating committee.

Principal's Remark – Mr. Stoehr gave a summary of service projects the school has been involved in so far this year. He also informed the membership that the school is looking at math software that would help evaluate student progress. Dr. Freado mentioned the Artist in Residence is underway. McMurray Day has been moved to June 10th with the rain date being June 11th. He informed the membership the District is one of the finalist for the National School of Character awards and site visits would be held on March 22 & 23. The winner will be announced during the month of May. PSSA math and reading testing will begin the week of April 12th for grades 4th, 5th and 6 and PSSA writing testing for 5th grade the week of April 19th. He also mentioned there is no more room at McMurray and the Building and Grounds Committee is evaluating their options for expansion within the District. Dr. Freado responded that the use of modular classrooms at McMurray next year was a possible option when asked.

Guest Speaker – Toni Sulkowski, Director of Technology gave an overview of the point of sale for the school lunch program. Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill will be implemented during the month of April all other sites will be up by next school year. The staff will also be getting a badge ID system.

Minutes were approved as written

Treasurer's Report – Nan Campbell was not present. Jodi Hannah asked for a motion to pay bills. Sarah Lindsay made the motion and Mary Pat DeRienzo seconded.

First Vice President's Report – Carol Planitzer reminded everyone of the newsletter and weekly bulletin dates. She also reminded everyone 6th grade T-shirt order forms are due March 10th and the shirts would be delivered March 26th. Carol thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Valentine's Day parties.

Second Vice President's Report – Barb Calfo reminded everyone the next Area Council meeting was March 18th with the school principals. She also reminded the membership the Teacher/Staff Appreciation luncheon is March 11th and soup, salad, sandwiches and desserts will be served.

Third Vice President's Report – Andrea Michalski told membership box top has earned approximately \$2,400 to date. Movie night for 4th grade brought in more box tops. Andrea gave the dates for the upcoming Talent show, there were 50 acts performing and volunteers were needed for Thursday show.

Fourth Vice President's Report – Margaret Rauscher reminded the membership the next Spirit Day is March 26th.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – There was concern expressed about Mr. Bergman and Mrs. Lee leaving at the same time. Karen Bovalina suggested the bylaws be rewritten so the nominating committee could be formed in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

These minutes were recorded by Cathy Vargo, Recording Secretary, McMurray PTA.