

McMurray Elementary PTA Minutes
May 9, 2007

Welcome: President Kathy Oberschelp called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Principal's Remarks: Dr. Freado talked about the new "neighborhood" approach being instituted next year. The classrooms will be reconfigured so that grades 4, 5 and 6 share hallways. The intention for this is to allow for both "fun" and academic activities to be shared among all three grade levels.

Guest Speaker: Superintendent Dr. Timm Mackley talked about keeping our students in a good position at an early age to compete in a global future. He showed a power point presentation entitled "Simply the Best", which highlighted a cumulative look at the success of the students in PTSD.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Jody Hannah made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2007 PTA meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gigi Colossimo wants to put together an audit committee to audit the books. Debbie McNeil, Lisa Scoulos and Amy Fidler volunteered for the job. Gigi suggested that we use the extra \$800 from McMurray Kickoff for McMurray Day. Sue Clark made the motion and it was passed. There is \$7000.00 left over in the designated funds from last school year. We spent \$500.00 in outdoor recess equipment, \$200.00 for a playground cart, and \$500.00 for two wireless microphones. The PTA ordered two more sets of the "clickers" for classroom use at \$1500.00 each. The 4th grade was given \$800.00 for math games. The PTA has allotted \$2500.00 towards the future purchase of a greenhouse for the school. Jody Hannah made the motion to pass these expenditures. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

1st Vice President: The last area council meeting of the year will be held next Thursday, May 17 at 9:15am in the Administration building. The Apples for Students program has enabled the 4th, 5th and 6th grade teachers to purchase 20 calculators, 6 balances, and 4 digital scales. There is \$900.00 in box-top funds.

2nd Vice President: The last Teacher Appreciation luncheon was changed to May 10 due to the 5th grade field trips. It will have a Hawaiian theme.

3rd Vice President: Sue Ralston is the chairperson for the Ambassador program. She will hold a meeting in August to get the program started. Contact her at sueralston@yahoo.com.

4th Vice President: Lisa Anderson reported that the school board meeting was held on April 23. There will be a “Drive to Stay Alive” program held at the high school on May 12. Reservations must be made in advance through Dawn Pustay at the high school. The school district is still addressing air quality problems at the high school pool. Resignations of the following teachers were accepted; Mr. Kristobek, Mrs. Matusic and Mrs. Story. Resurfacing of the high school track will be done soon. The next school board meeting is May 21 at 7:30at the ESF building.

The yearbook will be handed out on Monday, June 11. There are very few extra copies available on a first come, first served basis.

At the Area Council meeting there was a discussion that the middle school has no intention or plan to continue the peer mediation program which was funded by this PTA last year. Dr. Freado said that he is unaware of this and will investigate it further with Dr. Merante.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

These minutes were recorded by Diane Lioon, recording secretary, McMurray PTA.