

McMurray Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2007

Welcome: President Kathy Oberschelp called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

President's Remarks: Kathy thanked Laura Brannen for her work in coordinating the Talent Show. It will be broadcast on the school district's television channel 19.

Guest Speaker: This morning Dr. Nina Zetty, Assistant Superintendent, gave a presentation on the curriculum changes being implemented throughout the school district next year. World language will be taught in the first and second grade. "Flex" will begin in the sixth grade. Middle school students in the seventh grade can begin their first full year of foreign language class. The high school gym curriculum has been geared toward activities reflecting life experiences, i.e. a climbing wall, canoeing, etc.

Principal's Remarks: McMurray was selected as a finalist for the National School of Character. Next Thursday and Friday, site visitors will spend a half day at all four (k-8) schools making evaluations. This is a great honor, since only ten schools are chosen nationwide. Dr. Freado spoke about forming a committee to discuss "Reaching Higher Awards" and how they are recognized. Also, there will be changes in classroom configuration at McMurray next year. Dr. Freado will speak about these changes at the May meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Tracey Collins made the motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Smith seconded the motion. The PTA minutes of the March meeting were approved without correction.

Treasurer's Report: Gigi Colosimo asked for a motion to pay bills. The motion was made by Sue Clark; second by Tracey Collins. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Gigi asked for a motion to put the extra \$400.00 in 4th and 5th grade party money into the money allotted for McMurray Day. Lisa Smith made the motion; second by Diane Lioon. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The extra 6th grade party money of \$250.00 will be allotted for Spanning the Globe and Spring Fling. Lisa Smith made the motion; second by Diane Lioon. The vote was taken and this motion was passed. Pirate tickets will be sold for \$6 during the Book Fair and lunch breaks. The date has not been chosen. Tickets will go home with the students.

Committee Reports:

1st Vice President: The Area Council meeting will be held at 9:15am on April 19 in the ESF Building. Area Council provides a \$1500 scholarship for graduating seniors. The application is available online. Also, the school has 1900 “points” with which to choose an item from the “easy cash” program.

2nd Vice President: McMurray Day is scheduled for June 6 (rain date June 7). Chairpersons are Danielle Ward, Diane Lioon and Joanne Malstrom. The last Teacher Appreciation is on May 10th. Carrie Miller and RuthAnn Troutman are in charge.

3rd Vice President: The final Book Fair will be on April 14-19. Denise Gordon still needs volunteers. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the room today or call her at 941-4018. Meg Owens still needs volunteers for lunchtime Scrabble. There are meetings for the Character Counts Awards Committee at 12 noon on the first Tuesday of every month. As part of the Red Ribbon Campaign, Darius Carlins will speak at the pre-prom program at the high school. The Welcoming Committee is looking for volunteers. The Committee welcomes new students and their

parents to the community. The Committee works with the student ambassadors. This is a summer commitment for the volunteer. Many thanks to Laura Brannan, who ran the Talent Show. Thanks also to “No Tune Left Behind”, who played at the show both nights and added tremendously to the fun and entertainment.

4th Vice President: The next School Board meeting is on April 16th. Sue Clark explained the Yearbook is finished and on it’s way to the printer.

New Business: The school calendar for next year is now available on the website. The slate of officers for next year’s McMurray PTA were voted in and are as follows:

Secretary – Diane Lioon
Assistant Treasurer – Sarah Lindsay
Treasurer – Danielle Ward
4th Vice President – Beth Buzzelli
3rd Vice President – Lynn Soika
2nd Vice President – Lois Maggs
1stVice President – Gina Wells
President – Karen Bovalina

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

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