

McMurray Elementary PTA Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Meeting was called to order around 9:20 a.m.

President's Remarks – Lisa Briegel thanked everyone who helped with hospitality and asked for more volunteers to sign up for other PTA meetings throughout the year. She introduced the PTA board for the 2010–2011 school year: Rochelle Saxon (Secretary), Christine Belfiore (4th VP), Margaret Rauscher (1st VP), Carol Planitzer (2nd VP), Jodi Hannah (Assistant Treasurer), Nan Campbell (Treasurer), and Sherie Lammers (3rd VP) who was on vacation. Lisa also reminded the assembly, that in order to receive the weekly reminders and McMurray Star newsletter that it is necessary to sign up on the McMurray PTA page on the PTSD website.

Principal's Remarks – Mr. Stoehr welcomed everyone and thanked the PTA and attendees for their attendance at the meeting. He also thanked the PTA for the Welcome packets, the assembly, assistance with New Student Orientation, and the McMurray Kick-Off. Mr. Stoehr reviewed the new procedural changes for entering the school building. He reported that all school personnel and PTA officers will have ID badges and all visitors/ parents will need to present ID at sign in. The school is still working out a ticket system for larger events at the school. Mr. Stoehr asked for patience as the administration continues to work out the system. Mr. Stoehr discussed the reconfiguration of the classrooms to be clumped in grades instead of the neighborhood design. This change was to accommodate the institution of a school wide enrichment program. The program allows students to have individual action plans for math and reading. Students meet in their assigned groups twice a week. Mr. Stoehr responded to a parent inquiry about the assigned lunch seating. He explained that the class seating is just for the first 9 weeks to reduce anxiety and establish bonds with new classmates. Seating will be unassigned the second 9 weeks as long as behavioral expectations are met. Mr. Stoehr closed by introducing Mr. Marquis, the new Assistant Principal at McMurray Elementary. Mr. Marquis introduced himself and said it was good to see some familiar faces.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Rochelle Saxon asked for any corrections to the May 2010 minutes. There were no changes, so the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah reported that the audit was completed at the end of July 2010 and that the Audit Report is available upon request. Jodi reviewed the 2010–2011 PTA budget, explaining that the board streamlined the budget by eliminating unnecessary committees. She explained that there were excess funds at the end of last year and that money is being used to fund the committees instead of charging for things like McMurray Kick-Off and movie nights. Jodi also explained the increase in PTA State membership dues by \$1 for each member. The PTA chose to absorb this cost this year because the membership envelopes were already printed. Jodi asked for a motion to approve the budget: the motion was made by Andrea Michalski and seconded by Debbie Massof. The current bills were not available due to a computer glitch; these will be reviewed next month. Jodi reviewed the expense reimbursement process, explaining that each committee chair needs to meet with their VP, ask about their committee budget, submit a plan of work, follow the budget, and fill out the appropriate forms when depositing money or when being reimbursed.