

**McMurray Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2013**



**I. Welcome and Call to Order** – Melanie called to order at 9:18 AM

**II. President's Remarks** – *Melanie Hutnik*

**III. Principal's Remarks** – *Blair Stoehr*

Mr. Stoehr thanked all volunteers for their efforts this year thus far.

He touched on all the goings on within the school;

Student Leadership has begun.

Relay for Life change collection each month has generated over \$600 so far.

Red Ribbon Week, door decorating contest winners will play a kickball game with against teachers and principals on 11/22/13.

Character Counts shipped over 450 pounds of products to the troops.

NTLB was recognized in Washington, DC at a National Character Counts event.

Box Tops have generated over \$3100 so far.

Mr. Stoehr introduced Dr. J. French as the guest speaker.

**IV. Guest Speakers**

**Dr. J. French, Superintendent**

- Central Office Staff- Introductions  
Dr. Kardambikis; Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Jennifer Murphy; Performance Management  
Mr. Vincent Belczyk; Business Manager  
Mrs. Patricia Kelly; Director of Pupil Services  
Mrs. Shelly Belcher; Communication Coordinator  
Mr. Adam Swinchock; Director of IT
- Budget  
Please visit the district website to review the slideshow on the budget.  
Dr. French would like to manage the budget through efficiency versus elimination.  
She would like to move toward site- based decision making for budgeting.
- Dr. French then answered audience questions regarding technology plan, classroom size and the PTHS building. She encouraged everyone to attend the Education Committee Meeting on November 21, 2013.

A question was asked regarding PSSA ranking, Mr. Stoehr addressed this with McMurray Elementary plan.

**V. Reading and Approval of Minutes** – *Kelley Keane*

Minutes stand as written.

**VI. Treasurer's Report** – *Lisa Argent, Tracey Melograne*

- Budget – handout provided.

**VII. First Vice President's Report** – *Suzanne MacKay*

- Spirit Wear- Thank you to Michele Szewczyk & Kathy Mendenhall.
- After School Classes: Have started and are going well.
- Yearbook: If anyone has pictures of McMurray events please forward to the yearbook committee. Order forms will be coming after the holiday break.
- Thank you to all the volunteers and grade coordinators for the Halloween parties.

### **VIII. Second Vice President's Report – Jennifer Lopus**

- Spirit Committee: Spirit Day will always be the last Friday of each month.
- Character Counts: Operation Care Package shipped 450 pounds of product along with cards to troops over seas. The hope is the students will receive letters from the troops in return.
- Area Council: Next meeting 11/21/2013.

Maggie Cameron reported on Area Council.

Principals spoke at the last AC meeting. Sue Smith, School Board Member addresses some questions. She also invited everyone to join PTA Bowling League.

Darcy Sefer reported on the School Board meeting.

3 New members were elected to the School Board.

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### **IX. Third Vice President's Report – Peggy Daniels**

- Membership: Current membership is 809.
- Reflections: Entries are in, judging has begun, and awards ceremony will be held in the spring.
- Teacher Appreciation: Thank you to all who made it a success.

### **X. Fourth Vice President's Report – Cathy O'Neill**

- School Pictures: Thank you to all who made picture day go smoothly.
- Easy Cash: Please register your Advantage Card and see the links in the weekly bulletin to continue to earn cash for our school.
- Directories: Will be delivered soon.

### **XI. Old Business**

- None.

### **XII. New Business**

- Dr. Kardambikis and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade health teachers will be the guest speakers on December 10,2013.
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Dates to Remember:

11/21 Area Council Meeting

11/21 Education Committee Meeting

11/22 Spirit Day, Box Tops Drawing

11/27-12/2 No school for students

12/3 School Board Meeting

12/10 PTA Meeting

12/20 Spirit Day, Holiday Parties, Box Tops Drawing