

McMurray Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2013



I. Welcome and Call to Order – Melanie called to order at 9:17 AM

II. President's Remarks – *Melanie Hutnik*

- Melanie shared a Thank You note from Mrs. Owens and asked for sign ups for Brunch with the Principals.

III. Principal's Remarks – *Blair Stoehr*

Mr. Stoehr was unable to attend today's meeting

IV. Guest Speakers

Mrs. Owens, Library Media Specialist

Mrs. Owens thanked the Book Fair Chair-people and all the volunteers. The book fair raised \$2850 to purchase new books.

She introduced the Library staff, described the Library Curriculum for students and the Teacher support.

Helping students to find information, broaden the book choices and learning what is "real" information were some of the things she talked about. E-books are also available.

Mrs. Owens answered Parent questions.

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

Minutes stand as written.

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

- Budget – handout provided.
- Educational Enrichment.
Motion made to create line item. 1st Mary Pat Direnzo 2nd Serena King, Motion carried.
- Reimbursement Request Form now available on line

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

- Assemblies: Zoo, Aviary, Anti- Bullying scheduled so far.
- After School Classes: Registration will begin soon.
- Aquarium: Biology students from PTHS may be willing to take care of the fish.
- Volunteer Coordinator: most party volunteers have been chosen.
- Yearbook: If anyone has pictures of McMurray events please forward to the yearbook committee.

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

- Spirit Committee: Spirit Day will always be the last Friday of each month.
- Character Counts: CC week 10/7-10/2013. Students collected items for care packages for Troops.
Red Ribbon Week 10/28-31/2013 Promoting drug awareness.
- Brunch with Principals: 10/17/2013 Open forum with the Principals.
- Book Fair: Volunteers still needed, will be open during Open House
- Area Council: Next meeting 10/24/2013.
Area Council/School Board: Report: Repairs to McMurray, windows in library, roof and masonry repairs. Long term plans and goals for building maintenance. Director of Technology approved with an IT plan to be put in place. Dr. French spoke on school performance. Dr. Kardambikis spoke on curriculum and text books at PTMS.

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

- Membership: Current membership is 795
- Reflections: Due date 10/28/13
- Teacher Appreciation will be 11/7/13

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

- After School Dance: Recital scheduled for 4/25,26/13
- Open House: Thank you to all the volunteers.
- School Pictures: Retake 10/29/13

XI. Old Business

- In February 2013 we voted to donate \$100 to the PTHS Executive Committee. We need to vote on that money coming out of this year's budget. Motion made, 1st, Serena King, 2nd, Suzie Stoffer, Motion carried.

XII. New Business

- Dr. French will be the guest speaker at the November 12, 2013 meeting.
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Dates to Remember:

October:

7-10 Character Counts Week

11- No School for Students

17- Brunch with the Principals

24- Area Council Meeting

25- Spirit Day

28-31 Red Ribbon Week

29- End of Report Period

31- Halloween Parties