

McMurray Elementary PTA Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 10, 2013



I. Welcome and Call to Order – Melanie called to order at 9:14 AM

II. President's Remarks – *Melanie Hutnik*

- Melanie welcomed everyone to the first PTA meeting of the 2013-2014 school year.

III. Principal's Remarks – *Blair Stoehr*

- **Mr. Stoehr showed the videos created by Mr. Marquis, Year in Review & Welcome new/returning staff. This year's theme is Horton Hatches the Egg- highlighting responsibility for students and ensuring success. He discussed continued practices such as core values, character counts, dibels and googledocs and the new initiatives include earning reward status as per PA Performance Profile; Intervention Specialist and classroom support provided by Paige Seelhorst and Linda Diesing.; the use of Study Island, diagnostic testing throughout the school year and Onhand Schools, an online data warehouse for better access for teachers; After school tutoring has been added as well. Upgrades to Lab 214 and the mobile lab have been made, new staff laptops, and 10 Apple TVs have been added and the devices that were replaced have been redistributed throughout the school.**
- **This year the Principals went into each classroom the first week of school to introduce themselves, discuss the code of conduct, personal technology rules, dress code, walker information and bus policies.**

IV. Guest Speakers

Shelly Belcher: District Communication Coordinator and Safety Team Coordinator

She talked about the new entry procedure at McMurray. You will need to press button and identify yourself prior to access to the building. You will still need to show photo ID. Officer Dave now has an office in McMurray. PTSD works with PTPD and PTFD to access safety in all buildings.

Power Announcement is available in Power School. Parents can update all contact information and how you would like to be contacted. You must do this for each child. A Mobile Website is now available. PTSD will be using constant contact and InCommunity Magazine. There is a telephone line upgrade taking place.

Officer Dave Stanton:

He now has an office in McMurray, but will continue to visit Bower Hill, Pleasant Valley and PTMS. All officers are having School Response Training. DARE is new this year for 5th grade. He answered questions regarding walker safety, building access times and is very excited to be in the school.

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

Minutes stand as written.

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

- Budget – please see handout: Motion-Lisa Breigel, Wendy Edgar- Approved
- Audit 2012/2013 was completed. Thank you to the committee.
- Donations are still being accepted

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

- Volunteers: Thank you for using Viadale this year
- Spirit Wear: samples will be available at Open House. Orders are due September 27
- After School Classes: We have volunteers to chair the committee; more information will be available soon.
- Aquarium: We are still looking for someone to take care of the aquarium in the office.

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

- 4th Grade Social: Thank you to Ria Kartsonis and Darcy Sefer.
- Spirit Committee: First spirit day will be Friday, September 27
- Hospitality: Please sign up to help with hospitality for future PTA meetings.

- Character Counts: 15 Year Celebration will be September 17 at PTHS at 7:00pm
- Brunch with Principals: October 17 in the LGI
- Book Fair: Volunteers still needed, will be open during Open House
- Area Council: Lisa Breigel, President was introduced. Maggie Cameron is the representative this year. Bowling League and Used Book Sale money was used to purchase technology. Next meeting 9/19/13

IX. Third Vice President's Report – Peggy Daniels

- McMurray Kick Off: This year was a pep rally during school. Thank you to the PTHS Marching Band, PTHA Cheerleaders.
- Library Volunteers: Kristi DeVentura is scheduling volunteers
- New Student Orientation: Mollie Brier
- Membership: Current membership is 726
- Reflections: Theme this year is Believe, Dream, Inspire
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X. Fourth Vice President's Report – Cathy O'Neill

- After School Dance: sign up will be 9/16/13 at McMurray
- Directory: Is being completed and will be delivered this fall.
- Easy Cash: Michele Szewczyk talked about the opportunities to earn money for the school. Giant Eagle special this month. There will be 3 drawings per grade and a classroom drawing each month.
- Open House: Volunteers needed, please sign up on Viadale
- School Pictures: 9/19/13

XI. Old Business

- None

XII. New Business

- Character Counts Representative needed
- Art Department will need volunteers for Art Festival, May 16 & 17, 2014 at PTHS
- Artsonia will be used to upload student artwork
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The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Dates to Remember:

9/17 Character Counts 15 Year Celebration
 9/19 Picture Day
 9/23-9/27 Book Fair
 9/24 Open House 5 & 4A
 9/26 Open House 6 & 4B
 9/27 First Spirit Day
 10/1 Character Counts Meeting
 10/8 PTA Meeting
 10/11 In Service Day- no school for the students
 10/17 Brunch with Principal