

## McMurray Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

**President's Remarks** – Karen Bovalina stated that printing of the flyers for fall packets is underway. She also distributed the PTA Parent's Guide to Internet/Video Game Safety to the membership. Student Council Representative Max Lindsey reported a profit of almost \$400.00 in the new student council store. He thanked the PTA for the \$300.00 seed money and asked if the PTA would be able to write checks on behalf of the student council in order to pay vendors. Max explained that the Student Council has ideas for the upcoming McMurray Day, such as more airbrush artists, a clown, prizes, a rock climbing wall, cotton candy and a dance contest. He wondered if they could sell bottled water at McMurray Day. Lois Maggs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and chairperson of McMurray Day, explained that three air-brush artists had been added this year and new activities included a tug-of-war, obstacle course, and dunk tank, with Miss Nichols, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Hemmingson and possibly more teachers volunteering to participate. There will be a variety of ice cream treats, as well. Lisa Anderson suggested from the floor that Student Council meet with McMurray Day chairs during the planning process next year. Finally, Max said that the Student Council proposed that June 5 be Flip Flop Day at school. Karen announced that we will be having drawings throughout the meeting today to give away Pizza Hut gift cards and extra Sally Foster prizes.

**Principal's Remarks** – Dr. Freado acknowledged the parents of third grade students present at the meeting and thanked the PTA Board for a great year. He commented that the large size of McMurray Elementary presents a challenge for the PTA President and requires many volunteers. Orientation for third grade parents is this Thursday night and includes a tour of the school. Dr Freado explained that there will be a comprehensive change in scheduling of daily classes next year, featuring long periods of instruction time consistent on a daily basis but flexible for teachers. Core classes will be at the same time every day. Twelve week sessions have been suggested for each special class (art, gym, music) but have not been decided to date.

The minutes of the April PTA meeting were approved without correction.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sarah Lindsay asked for a motion to pay this month's bills. The motion was made by Linda Van Newkirk and seconded by Maura Kelly. A motion was made by Joanne Malstrom to pay the babysitter because we are \$40.00 over budget. Julie Sandala made the second. Sarah will maintain a temporary accounting system for the Student Council so that they can deposit funds and write checks. This will eventually be the Student Activities Account next year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report** – Gina Wells explained that the Easy Cash rewards are listed in the newsletter. They include a television with DVD player, multimedia

projector, digital camera, balls and a Swing-n-Hop (for recess). Area Council is looking for someone to take over responsibility for the directory. The new Director of Communications for the School District is Shelly Belcher.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Lois Maggs said that the last Teacher Appreciation will be “School’s Out” theme on May 22. We need volunteers to prepare the baked ziti, chicken, and Rita’s Italian ice. We will recognize Stan Glowaski, who is retiring this year. McMurray Day is May 30. Rain day is June 2. Each grade wears a different colored shirt and moves together as a group to the three areas of activities. Flyers for a bagged lunch were distributed. Volunteers will stay in one area but move among the different activities. Email Lois to volunteer.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President** – Lynn Soika asked for volunteers to help the children make tie-died t-shirts for the Relay-for-Life on Friday, May 16 after school. Geeta Weldon said that time slots to participate in the Relay-for-Life on May 30 are still available.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President** – Beth Buzzelli explained that the minutes of the School Board meeting are now posted on the website. Community service is asking for donations of new school supplies. Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school, beginning on Monday, June 2. Any extra yearbooks will be available for \$10.00 on June 3. Nominations for the Character Counts awards for fall and spring are being accepted now.

#### **New Business:**

Election of officers for the McMurray Elementary PTA were held. Karen Bovalina presented the slate as follows:

President –

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lynn Soika

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Carol Planitzer

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Barb Calfo

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President – Michelle Smith

Treasurer – Sarah Lindsay

Assistant Treasurer – Karen Bovalina

Secretary – Joanne Jaworski

An auditing committee must be formed to audit the PTA books for next year. Alicia Olalde, Adam Parker and Carol Planitzer volunteered for the committee. First Day Packet assembly will be held May 27 at 9am in the PTA room. We have 8 flyers ready and need 5 more. Before the 27<sup>th</sup> we need volunteers to make copies and put stickers on the folders. Let Carol Planitzer know if you can volunteer on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business:**

Changes to the PTA bylaws were made and posted in the PTA room. A motion was made by Debbie Antonucci to accept the new by-laws. Lisa Anderson made the second. Beth Buzzelli announced that the PTA purchased two benches and landscaping for the front entrance to the school. A plaque was made to honor parents lost by our students

this year. The plaque will read "In honor and memory of the loved ones of our students."  
Dr Freado needs cafeteria and playground monitors for both full and part-time (substitute) positions. Also, the cafeteria needs servers for next year. The office of president of the McMurray PTA is open and needs to be filled. If you are interested, please volunteer soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37am.