

**McKinley School PTA  
60 Thompson Street  
Fairfield, CT 06825**

**General Meeting  
April 3, 2008  
Library Media Center**

**In Attendance:**

Lisa Schell	Beronica Jara	Patty Mihaylo	Marie Stalling
Nancy Donne	Marcella Jara	Wes Greenop	Dale Bernardoni
Bev Greenop	Shawn Munday	Shannon Goodchild	Jennifer Hoffman
Eileen Gombos	Dinal Doshi	Janine Jaeger	

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes from February 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by xxxxxxxx Seconded by Marie Stalling. All in favor.

**Teacher Representative Reports**

Janice Mayeran: Jump for Heart program to be held. Cross country team is assembled and has begun spring training.

Thank you from the Kindergarten team for the PTA funding the upcoming field trip to the Peabody Museum.

Thank you from Ms Martin for the library books

**Cultural Arts Programming.**

Coming up: Scheduled Gail LaRocca who has traveled through Africa to the third grade on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Jambo Africa. Date for 5<sup>th</sup> grade social April 11<sup>th</sup> at Riverfield School. Marvin Parsons will be DJ. Also, Amidon's are coming on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. Family dance night will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Bluefish outing will be on Wed. May 14<sup>th</sup>. McKinley singers will be singing national anthem and someone from McKinley will throw out the first pitch. Possibly have a contest to determine winter. PTA will get half of proceeds. Tickets are \$10 each.

**Principal's Report**

Three students have been selected as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners for Fire Prevention Poster contest. Entries will be submitted to the State. They are all finalist for Fairfield County. . Invention Convention has 6 children that will submit inventions. The school has just returned from a production of Charlottes Web. The kindergarten classes have made a book for the children in Senegal.

Kathy Reddy has arranged for the purchase of pigs and they have been decorated. Fairfield University will use them to line the entrance way to the Art exhibit on campus. At the end of the year we will cut a slit in the top of the pigs and auction them off to the banks on Black Rock Turnpike. Update: Diversity task force continues to work. BOE needs to respond to the State w/ regard to the progress of racial diversity. Looks like one of the recommendations for next year is to continue to offer choice in other schools (schools TBD). The strongest recommendation will be to double the size of the preschool and to have our version here but then to have the next 20 kids – same criteria for selection – economic need, 2<sup>nd</sup> language spoken in the home – at Burr school next year and then those children can remain at that school as they grow. This was approved by the BOE in March and then submitted to the State BOE in April.

### **Treasurer Report**

Expenses running favorable to budget and revenue is on pace with the forecast.

### **Ways and Means**

No report

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

Marie is taking on the Father's Day event

Events coming up are Teacher Appreciation day and Mothers day

### **PTA Council Rep**

Next meeting will be Monday

### **Board of Ed Report**

Space issue is the focus of all discussions. The impact to McKinley may be the transfer of students from the overcrowded schools.

### **Membership**

325 – No change

### **Budget Review**

Thanks to everyone who emailed their concerns to the BOF reps. Janet Banks-Mott attended the meeting and \$ 500,000 was restored. The fights is not over and look for more emails that will require action.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

No news

### **Other News**

Scholastic Book Fair will be held during parent conferences

### **Guest Speaker**

Ken Flatto attended and spoke about two issues he felt were relevant to the McKinley area. They were:

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> train station and its impact on population and traffic
2. School Space issues

Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.