

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

**General Board Meeting
January 10, 2008
Library Media Center**

In Attendance:

Kim Barron	Dyan DeCastro	Patty Mihaylo	Marie Stalling
Pat McBean	Marcella Jara	Wes Greenop	Dale Bernardoni
Bev Greenop	Nancy Donne	Shannon Goodchild	Jennifer Hoffman
Eileen Gombos	Domingo Thomas	Dinal Doshi	

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes from December 6, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Correction to Treasurer's report... says \$7.00 but should say \$7,000. Motion made to accept the minutes with amendment by Nancy, seconded by Patty. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- Still in the process of going through with the President-Elect position.
- PTA Gift Giving
- Grant program

NEW BUSINESS

Valentines Day Dance Baskets were discussed
Carnival issues were discussed re: adding an additional night (Thursday)

REPORTS

President

Upcoming events in the next few weeks:

MLK Presentation on 1/24

Valentines Day Dance 2/8

Variety Show 3/14

Bingo Night 3/30

Carnival in April

Principal's Report

Dale read notes from the Teacher's Report

Art room: Kathy Reddy announces two students chosen for CT Assoc. of Schools

Outstanding Art Award: Sarah Swedberg and Caleb O'Brien LaMare

We have had the distinction of having 3 placing winners in the Fire Prevention Calendar.

These are the town winners and then those will be passed on to the State.

2nd grade doing prompt study in preparation for their first writing prompt.

4th grade: Thanks to PTA for the holiday gifts

Kindergarten: Gail Marton wrote a grant for the school to receive a technology grant. We have received a grant for 4 days of technical support from the Cooperative Educational Service Center. The gentleman will come and do professional development for the teachers. Gail is also looking to start a SmartBoard users group.

McKinley messenger coming out at the end of the month there is an announcement about Reader's Workshop. Parents will be invited to come in during the week of Feb. 4th and Feb. 11th to their child's classroom.

The ski trips are pretty well filled in.

The Drama Group has begun. Kids got their parts this week.

Kate Schallau and special edition of Charlotte's Web. Dale looking for some type of grant to be able to buy one copy of the book for each of the students.

Dale reviewed the 2008-2009 Fairfield Public Schools Budget Calendar.

Dale also reviewed the AYP report for the 2006-2007 School Year

Cultural Arts

This past week Mrs. Carol Birch visited McKinley. The presentations were wonderful. Vote to Freedom coming up on the 24th of January. 5th grade movie night scheduled for 1/11. Thanks to Shannon Goodchild for her help with that. Amandans visiting during the week of the 21st of April. Trying to put together a date for the 5th grade social.

Treasurer's Reports

Patty Mihaylo reviewed the balance sheet and P&L reports

Ways and Means

Giftcents.com and BJs seem to be fundraisers that parents are more amenable to so possibly doing these and Pizzeria Uno and Taco Loco combined into a monthly fundraiser. Spring fundraiser is in the works. Jeanine fundraising (pies, etc.) will probably be same resource for Spring fundraiser. They will be doing magnet fundraiser this year.

Volunteer Coordinator

Marie shared the cost breakdown for McKinley School T-Shirts
Volunteer positions still open for Father's Day

PTA Council Representative

Pat McBean reported: Big presentation on changes in Math curriculum. There will be a shift in the way math is taught elementary through 6th grade. Big kudos for partnering w/ other schools for movie night and suggestion was made that middle schools should start doing that for kids moving on to high schools. There will be how-to classes going on. One is a fund-raising how-to. Training for PE position coming up in June. Any other training needed let the PTA Council know. Diversity taskforce has met and have divided

into 5 subgroups and will be meeting in the coming weeks. Tools for Schools committee meeting at 1/17 at Charlotte's house. Secondary School reform Mark McQuillan will be holding sessions to listen to ideas on 1/14 in Westport.

Principal:

Brown bag lunch at Superintendent's office 1/15 at 12 noon to talk about what goes in to the budget process. Dr. Clark has come to some of the PTA monthly meetings so maybe we should extend an invitation to her to come to one of our PTA meetings.

Board of Ed

Shawn reported earlier in the Executive Board meeting

Membership

Same as last month

Corresponding Secretary

Nine thank you cards for holiday gifts

Birthday cards are going out

Budget Review

Janet Banks-Mott and Nancy met w/ Dr. Bernardoni and Wes to review the budget set up. They will be attending the meeting on the 22nd.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.