

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

**General PTA Meeting
November 8, 2007
Library Media Center**

In Attendance:

Kim Barron	Lisa Schell	Nancy Donne	Eileen Gombos
Jennifer Neal Hoffman	Pat McBean	Diana Webb	Shannon Goodchild
Shawn Munday	Theresa Conte	Domingo Thomas	Dale Bernardoni
Wes Greenop			

Call to Order 7:45 p.m.

Reading and Approval of October 11, 2007 General Minutes

Motion made to accept the minutes. Lisa Schell moved. Domingo Thomas seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker

We introduced Gary Rosato who is the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the Fairfield Public Schools and is here to discuss the CMT scores at the district level. A hand out was distributed showing McKinley's CMT Scores from Spring 2007. Q&A on presentation and handouts.

OLD BUSINESS

World's Fair

World's Fair was a major success for the second year in a row. Over 700 attended and it went off without a hitch.

NEW BUSINESS

Craft Fair Update

Saturday Nov. 17 from 10am –4pm. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Anyone interested in volunteering we'd love to have you. Also Holiday Shop will be in the 1st and 2nd grade hallway at the same time. There will also be a table sponsored by the Student Council. They will be selling Apple Butter which was made and canned by Betty Blackwell. All monies raised will be sent to a school that they are sponsoring in Zimbabwe.

REPORTS

Principal's Report

(also including report from Kathy Reddy).

The choice of design for the t-shirts was chosen by the students by a vote taken on Election Day.

Kindergarten is taking a trip to the Children's library which was funded by the PTA. 2nd grade participating in Junior Achievement. They will also be going to Peabody Museum to support their unit on rocks and soil. Janet Banks-Mott says thank you for the can tabs donation. This week the knitting club was started after school. A cross country team is starting. H.S. kids who run cross country are available and will be working with the kids. Next Thursday is the dinner for Janice Mayeran who was selected as the Outstanding PE teacher of the year for the State of Connecticut. Perhaps the PTA would want to do something like flowers as a gift to her. Also later this month -- the Tuesday after Thanksgiving -- the connection with Wakeman is being recognized by the CT Association of Schools as an exemplary program.

Gail Marton has been the leader for the Veterans Day program and she has arranged to have many veterans come in to speak and an assembly with a color guard from the local VFW. There will be a PowerPoint presentation and one of our teachers who will soon be deployed will be here to speak. Wonderful mix of age appropriate presentations for the kids.

Cultural Arts

Blue Jupiter performs next week throughout all the Fairfield Schools. At the end of the month is Len Cabrall.

Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer

We handed out the report and discussed the figures.

Ways and Means

Lisa reported that the Sally Foster fund raiser did fall short of goal and Entertainment Books as well. Cookie dough ends this week. Lisa and Dinal are looking at new ideas for fundraising.

Volunteer Coordinators

Theresa Conte reported that we only have four positions open. Spring Fundraiser notecards and magnets. Reflections will be chaired by Julie Sperazza. Junior Great Books and Father's Day still in need of volunteers

PTA Council Representatives

Pat provided reports.

Board of Ed Rep

Nothing new to report.

Membership Representatives

316 members right now (245 parents 71 staff). Target is 350.

Corresponding Secretary

Birthday cards are going out and receiving a few thank you's from the welcome lunch.

Motion to adjourn by Theresa Conte. Seconded by Shawn Munday All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.