

# McNair PTA Meeting Minutes

## 4-1-08

**Call to order: 7:00pm**

### **President's Report – Vickie Carrai**

- Welcome/Introduction of Board
- March 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **MCCPTA Delegate Report – Susan Vraholetis**

- MCCPTA recommended that Kindergarten assessments take place the second through fourth weeks of school, consistent with what McNair was already doing.
- MCCPTA is revising its by-laws regarding quorums. The State PTA is also revising by-laws and the results will trickle down to local PTAs in the next two years. As a result, McNair by-laws may have to be revised in accordance with MCCPTA and State PTA.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jeremiah Galvin**

- Budget update: the budget is the same as in March
- First Data.com/Credit Card payments to accept credit cards for some of the fundraisers.
  - The product is “Your Pay”, a web based product.
  - Average cost of 2.4%/transaction, debit cards cost less, American Express is the most and will not be used.
  - Transaction funds will be directly deposited into PTA acct.
  - Any PC can be used since you log in to a web site to use it.
  - Also a cost of \$197.40 one time fee and \$25/month, which will be waived for months of no activity such as summer.
  - Families might spend more at the Auction – the procedure can be ready to go by Friday for the Auction.
  - Documents will need to be secured and shredded after transaction has gone through.
  - Jeremy Hinds has 2 credit card boxes that can be used (future). Jeremy will bring an imprint machine for the Auction.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP of Membership – Laura Parker (reported by Jeremiah Galvin)**

- Currently there are 316 PTA members

**Nominating Committee for 2008/9 (New Business):** Brenda Knopp (reporting), Leigh Bluestein, Margaret Sood or Laura Parker

- President: Charlotte Kibak
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Regina McCutcheon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Beth Rowe
- Treasurer: Jeremiah Galvin
- Recording Secretary: Tammy Arbogast
- Corresponding Secretary: Jane Rothschilds

- NW Cluster Representative (board appointed): Deepa Talreja
- Monthly Newsletter Chair: Regina B. Penman-Garcia
- Fundraising Chair: Sherri Diaz
- 1-2 MCCPTA delegates (board appointed): open
- Election for officers is May 6<sup>th</sup>, a quorum of 18 PTA members is needed for the election

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Committees and Events - Regina McCutcheon**

- Auction Night – April 4, 6:30-8:30
- International Night (Tehreem Haq reporting) – April 18, 6:30-8:30
  - 19 countries, more participants needed(last year 22),
  - published announcement in several languages,
  - Ms. MacFarlane requested a list of participants from last year.
  - Greece and Czech Republic will not participate this year
  - Dancers from Peru were wonderful – can we get more dancers?
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mixer – May 9, 2008: no chair yet.
- Muffins for Moms – May 14-16, 2008, have a chair, got coffee. All set to go.

## **Fundraising Update - Sheri Diaz**

- Kathryn Beich Cookie Dough Update – not as good as expected.
- Calls received for KidsStuff coupon books –
  - The PTA raised \$2500 last year.
  - Maybe next year?
  - The supplier will make it easier next year
- Make up short fall with other event(s) – McNair Fair? (see New Business)

## **NW Cluster Representative – Deepa Talreja**

- Meeting May 12, 2008
- Battle with changing bylaws – quorum of 25
- Treasurers are part of the treasurers listserv
- (Look at email from Deepa)

## **Principal's Remarks – Eilene MacFarlane**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades: MSA week drinks and snacks provided during testing
- Bullying Prevention discussion with Matt Kamins was wonderful – extend discussions in May with coffee and continue next year as well
- Additional McNair Office Secretary – wait until the end of the year and try to hire someone for the next school year
- Auction – Ms. Herzing and Ms. MacFarlane will work together to capture contributions from staff
  - Only 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade offered contributions so far even though Ms. Herzing sent email.
  - Ideas for teachers. 5 students/5 teachers: offer something as a group, dinner, bowling, Dairy Queen, pizza and a movie with teacher at recess and lunch
  - Kindergarten is doing photo albums
  - Teachers did not receive a paper form to complete this year as before. The new chair of the Auction was not informed of this practice.

### **Staff Liaison – Kelly Herzing**

- No other report

### **New Business – any PTA member**

- 80/20 split Spring Fair (Fundraiser) – Jeremy Hinds reporting
  - Offered in attempt to offset cookie dough loss
  - includes 4 big inflatables,
  - Volunteers will be needed to work the booths for tickets and money collection
  - All activities and concessions are accessed by tickets: rides, food, ...
  - for about \$13-15/child: 8 rides, food and drink.
  - 3 hour event
  - It will not be advertised as a fundraiser 3 hour event, May 24 (Mem Day weekend) and 31 (GP Recital) Sat, look at Fridays schools in May and June
- A Board meeting needs to be planned for the budget soon after the end of the school year.
- A new Chairperson volunteer is needed for Group Piano, current parents of enrolled students will also be contacted.
- Overtime Athletics (see Vickie's notes) – Vickie Carrai reporting
  - Afterschool athletic programs in 2 groups: K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, 4th-6th grades
  - Activities include, but are not limited to basketball, soccer, ultrasports, baseball, cheerleading, etc. 6-10 weeks.
  - Equipment will be provided by Overtime Athletics
  - The cost is about \$10/child/day, scholarships offered.
  - Warm up, skill drill, Scrimages and games
  - Survey parents for new idea.
- BMI karate offers after school program too – also include in survey

### **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

- Chick-fil-A Night: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-8pm
- Auction Night: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30pm
- International Night: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm
- K Orientation: April
- Chick-fil-A Night: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 4-8pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mixer: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm at Kingsview
- PTA Meeting: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Slate of 08-09 candidates will be approved (quorum of 18 needed)

**Adjournment: 8:02pm**