

McClure PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Present: John Loacker, Debra Loacker, Lisa Fitch, Vera Paas, Ellen Brown, Lisa Clark, Leigh Anne Hagar, Candi Nicholson, Sarah Pritchett, Keisha Scarlett

Meeting commences at 6:30 pm at the home of John and Debra Loacker.

Budget:

The board reviews the budget as it is being developed.

Principal:

Sarah reports that McClure has 578 students. 7th and 8th grades are full with additional room available in 6th grade. Eric Mansfield was hired as the new science/math teacher and Dr. Joseph Day was hired as the new Science Teacher. She is still interviewing candidates for the administrative secretary position. Some of the volunteer coordinator's responsibilities may be absorbed in this new position. To improve information out to parents, the "school messenger" system that Ballard HS uses may be an option for McClure and may save time and effort for whomever takes over the volunteer coordinator position.

Ramon Franklin has taken over Will King's position.

Jamba Juice may want to participate in ASB fundraisers held after school on Fridays.

Students will get their lockers on Monday.

Sarah has revamped lunch room supervision. In the past students were able to use the gym during lunch or hang out on the sports field, both supervised by staff. Today, PE classes are held during lunch which makes the gym unavailable. Sarah has met with all grades and discussed options. Students can stay in the lunchroom or in the front courtyard where there will be supervision. The CLC will open one of the portables for a gameroom. Sarah is also looking at providing little bistro tables for the hall as a hangout spot during the lunch hour in bad weather.

Joyce Madison was named McClure's new athletic director. McClure was chosen as one of ten schools to pilot the district's new PE curriculum. McClure is requiring its students to change into PE clothes for that hour.

Sarah will hold assemblies by grade level for the Challenge kick-off on October 1.

Assistant Principal:

Keisha introduced herself to the Board and outlined her responsibilities. She would like to take on as much as possible to reduce Sarah's workload, and has been spending the majority of her time observing teachers in their classrooms.

8th grade promotion:

After discussion, the Board decides that it is important for our students to celebrate their completion of middle school. While it is unclear what activities we will do this year, it was agreed it should be a special event planned with input from the students. Some ideas discussed included an Argosy cruise, onsite BBQ and graduation on the field. A committee will decide the activities given the constraints of the PTSA budget. The promotion date is set by Sarah for June 15, 2009. Vera will talk to Ballard HS for availability of their auditorium.

Professional development expenses:

The Board communicates to Sarah that the PTSA cannot contribute to teacher's travel and expense costs to attend professional development seminars. Sarah will pass this on to the teachers.

Ellen briefly brings up for discussion the idea of using a purchase order for requesting funds from the PTA. No action is taken at this time regarding this suggestion.

Drama:

This year is bringing changes to the funding of our after school drama program. The Community Learning Center needs to change its focus toward academics, and extended learning. Therefore, drama will not be funded through the CLC. To keep the drama program viable, we may charge tuition to participate. The Board will work with Cheryl Phillips to identify solutions.

BBQ:

We reviewed the menu and how to promote the challenge at the BBQ

Minutes:

The minutes of the last Board meeting were read and approved with the correction of the omission that we charge \$3 per person for the BBQ.

The meeting adjourns at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vera Paas