

MEETING MINUTES - October 9, 2007

Membership thus far: 77 PTA members at this point.
September minutes voted in by Annette Fad and Dave Carlyle.

A special Thank You to Room 18, Mrs. Fox-Varsalona for the wonderful 'thank you cards.' We are glad you're enjoying the new playground equipment.

Principal's News:

- Cafeteria should be done next week. Final inspections are Friday the 12th.
- Referendum – VOTE OPTION 'A' ALL THE WAY! This option will allow full day kindergarten, eliminate I-95 travel for K-8 students, creates a middle school at Bayard for Wilmington students, and children will attend elementary schools closest to their neighborhoods.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH – OPTION "A" IN BOTH SECTIONS OF THE POLL!!! POLLS WILL BE OPEN 10AM-8PM.

- Maclary's Dibbles and MAP testing is complete and students are doing very well so far this year.
- Meg encourages any parents to come in any time to help at Maclary or join your child for lunch. Please make sure to 1) sign in to assure the safety of everyone, 2) do not interrupt teacher instruction, and 3) respect student/teacher info and keep it confidential.

Fall Fundraiser: Orders have been placed. Items are available all year long and will credit to Maclary. We get 40-45% of profits from items sold. So far, approx. \$17,044.50 in products sold which means between \$6,817.60 and \$7,670.03 for Maclary! This was above our expectations & Maclary will benefit even more!

Fall Festival: Valerie and Annette are hard at work! There are going to be new games this year as well as a big blow-up Haunted House for the Music Room. Cakewalk, auctions, basket raffles, crafts & the fortuneteller will be back this year, along with the Yo-Yo guy. We have 500-600 beverages donated from WaWa so far, hotdogs, rolls and some pizzas. Everyone is encouraged to help us round up volunteers to get pizza donations and raffle donations from local businesses.

Valerie still needs a chair for the cake walk and volunteers to work games and the food court! Increments of 30 minutes go by fast so lets sign up! gracevalhal@yahoo.com

Committee Review: We are still in need of chairs for ASSEMBLIES, TEACHER APPRECIATION, FIELD DAY, POTLUCK BINGO, BOWLING/ICE SKATING NIGHT and we'd like to have a co-chair to assist Melinda Mullen with VALENTINE FLOWERS. If you're interested contact Caryn Duca cjjzj@netscape.net

Maclary Wear: Kick off on November 1st! Will allow 2-3 weeks to order so that items are in before the Holiday break! T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants & shorts will be available.

Lowe's Grant for Maclary: Seeking a volunteer to prepare a grant letter for Lowe's. They are offering up to \$5,000 to make improvements to a part of the school that wins. The nature center/trail would be great. \$5,000 could possibly take care of repairing the trail.
www.toolboxforeducation.com

PTA Legislative Survey: Survey brought to PTA meeting by Ananda Dakin, filled out by most of those present. Survey asked for parents/teachers to rank '1-5' their feeling on the importance of subjects such as Vision 2015 (www.vision2015delaware.org), Wellness Centers in schools, State funding vs. Local Funding, etc. We are trying to get a guest speaker to address the PTA at a future meeting on this subject.

Treasurers Report: We have: \$6742 in checking; \$3,046 in money market; Total \$9788

Next PTA meeting: November 13th

October dates to Remember: No school on Oct. 11th/12th
DSTP testing 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th
Fall Festival Oct 26th 5:30-8:30
Maclarion Deadline Oct 24th

November dates to remember: MaclaryWear kickoff Nov 1st
Fundraiser delivered 6th
No School Nov. 7th (PK & K only)
No School K-8 Nov. 8th, 9th and 12th
PTA meeting November 13th
DJ Fundraiser party – Nov. 16th 2-3pm

Thanks for taking the time to read the 'minutes.'
-A. Marcheski