

**Muraco Elementary School Parents Association  
Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2013**

**Welcome & Introductions of and from Shawn Macannuco, MESPA Chair and Kristen Bellaire, MESPA Vice Chair.**

**Sound System Update:**

The cost of the new Sound System is \$10,000. A request was made to fund the difference needed through the Callahan Fund. After a discussion it was determined that the funds needed were available from the Muraco Fund. S. Macannuco and K. Bellaire will follow up to purchase and install (via contractor) the new system.

**General Announcements:**

Friends of the Arts call for help on June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Town Day Art Show. They are seeking a few volunteers to assist with set up.

Committee Openings for 2013/2014 -

- The Clean Up Committee is looking for someone to “organize.” Additionally discussion focused on how to recommit/involve kids in service activities like maintaining Muraco property.
- Discussed the need for a Multi Cultural Outreach committee. Multi-cultural involvement within MESPA and the school does not represent the community. Laurie Kirby spoke of an ELL-run after school program that is well attended and funded through a grant. Suggestion was made to possibly match new Muraco families with existing families, both supporting multi cultural issues as well as redistricting.

**School Committee Update:**

Chris Nixon provided information and updates regarding the 2013/2014 fiscal budget and High School renovation project. The School Committee is now balancing priorities against approved budget.

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 the League of Women Voters is hosting a discussion on the High School Renovation project. The conversation will be focused on the configuration of swing space for the phased renovation. The first phase of the renovation is set for 2016/2017 school years.

The last Community Meeting is in June.

**Committee Updates and Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Curriculum Enhancement Update - Kristin Lewis-Warner:**

\$2609.32 of the total \$5450.00 Curriculum Enhancement budget has been spent to date. There is \$2840.68 remaining in outstanding stipends.

Individualized letters will be sent out this month to the teachers and staff that have not yet used their stipends. Spending down the Curriculum Enhancement budget has been a consistent issue each year so Jon Carlisle and I (Kristin) have also talked about possibly collecting teacher feedback on streamlining the process and possible solutions.

**Committee Update - Amy Dalton:**

There will be some positions available for next year. If you are interested, please let me know. An email will be going out shortly.

**Staples School Kidz Supply Program - Laura Colella:**

Waiting for the teachers to send their updated supply lists. Once those are received, we will be ready to launch the Schoolkidz school supply sale for next year. Laura anticipates sending out emails via CC the first week in June with orders being due by June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Upcoming Events:**

Wed & Thurs May 22 & 23	Kindergarten Screening 9am-2:15pm
Tuesday June 4	All School Writing Day 9am
Thursday June 6	Field Day (Rain Date June 7) 9am
Monday June 10	McCall Move-Up Day
Tuesday June 25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving On Ceremony 6:30pm
Wednesday June 26	Last Day of School/Early Release

**Upcoming MESPA meetings:**

Thursday, June 13            8:45am at Muraco School

**Websites:**

MESPA            <http://www.muracoparents.com>  
Muraco            [http://www.edline.net/pages/Muraco\\_Elementary\\_School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Muraco_Elementary_School)