

# Middlesex Middle School Executive Board Meeting Agenda

**October 21, 2020**

Attendees: Raquel Bird, Kerry Coppola, Cori Cronin, Elizabeth Ezbiansky, Kristen Croker Fiordalis, Kristina Gregory, Carol Kennedy, Gina Gromelski, Elizabeth Hole, Beth Jacobs, Alyson Johnson, Amy O'Kane,

## **Action Items:**

- Motion to approve minutes of September 16, 2020 Executive Board Meeting
  - Approved by all in attendance
- Motion to approve spending of reserves
  - Approved by all in attendance
- Motion to approve Back-to-School supplies contract. Supplies to Please is the current supplier. We get a discount if we commit to another 4 years with them.
  - Approved by all in attendance

## **Reports of Co-Chairs:**

- Update from Principal (Shelley was in meetings and not in attendance.)
  - We need recess monitors for outdoor recess to get up and running.
  - There will be a zoom meeting scheduled for parents on reorientation if MMS is to return to full remote learning.
  - Still working on a Chelsea Piers team building workshop.
  - MMS will have a spirit week next week to help promote school spirit and more inclusion for remote learners.
- MPA gifts delivered
  - Adirondack chairs were delivered and set up. We should put flowers around them to make it more homey.
- Spiritwear Update
  - All clothing items have been sold. Thank you to Beth for all of your work.
  - We will continue to market masks and magnets.
  - We will not be ordering any additional items.
- Directory Update
  - They have gone to print.
  - Directory is \$1,700 under budget.
  - The \$20 option was the most popular purchase.
  - A few were purchased for the office and counselors
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
  - Students purchase their own pumpkins to decorate.
  - Raquel will set up an email account for kids to send a picture of their decorated pumpkin.
  - MPA will award prizes to help encourage more school spirit and get excited about the holidays.
  - We do not have a budget for the prizes. We have \$600 that we have earmarked for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade party that will not be happening.
  - We will need 9 prizes total- 3 for each grade.
  - Small businesses in town may want to be asked to donate in order to feel like part of the community.
  - Art teachers will judge the pumpkin submissions.

- Ideas for prizes: gift cards from Gopher, Heights Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Darien Toy Shop, BSF, Shake Shack, Darien Sports Shop.

### **Reports of Vice Chairs**

- District-wide Teacher Appreciation
  - Will be consistent across all the schools.
  - Will either be coming from us or parent sponsors.
  - Have not heard back about the Boo Bags.
  - We will still be giving out pies for Thanksgiving.

### **Future Action Items**

- Discussion of ideas to create community; programming enrichment
  - Help decorate the outside of senior centers. Would there be room to discuss and plan this during flex periods?
  - Food drive? Put collection bins at the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades entrances.
  - Christina Young (*Understanding the Teenage Brain*) is on board to come in person in March. She can also do a Zoom presentation if necessary.
  - Are there any other topics that would be of interest? Sports?

### **Any other Matters**

- Science classes now have plexiglass dividers.
- Many remote learners are having a hard time with Zoom. Teachers have a tendency to move away from the screen and can't be seen or heard.
- Buses are going well. There were a lot of incident reports filed by bus drivers.
- They are finishing up assessments and seeing if there are gaps in learning.
- Expanding the PE curriculum to more than just walking around the fields.
- Teachers will be receiving professional development on how to begin doing some socially distant group work in the classrooms.
- Police will be asked to assist during school pick up.
- Brainstorm ways to keep socially connected if we go full remote, Kahoots?

### **Adjournment**