

# **Middlesex Middle School Executive Board Meeting Agenda**

**November 18, 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, Jennifer Clemow, Shelley Sheridan

## **Action Items:**

- Motion to approve minutes of October 21, 2020 Executive Board Meeting
  - Approved by all in attendance

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

- Update from Principal (Shelley was not in attendance.)
  - Things are quiet right now.
  - Testing went well today for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Clubs and activities have good attendance so far.
  - Parent informational zoom meetings about virtual learning went well.
  - There are multiple concerns about learning hours being cut short if remote learning takes place. Interested in having a conversation with Shelley to express these concerns.
- Thank –you letters from YMCA, Pumpkin–Contest Judges
  - There was great enthusiasm about the contest from those who participated.
  - We didn’t get quite as many participants as we would have liked.
  - Let’s try and think of more ways to get more participation next time.
- Volunteer Changes
  - Marli Hayes has stepped down as MPN co-chair.
- Special Education Virtual Coffee
  - Putting something together for after Thanksgiving
  - Fun facts about special education webinar, similar to what they did at the high school.

## **Reports of Vice Chairs**

- District-wide Teacher Appreciation
  - A lot of people showed up to put up signs.
  - Great feedback. The staff really enjoyed all of the signs.
  - Featured on News 12 and the Darien Times. Also shared on Facebook.
  - Should we put it in MPN?
- Thanksgiving Teacher Pies
  - Every teacher is given a pie as a thank you.
  - 190 pies handed out on Tuesday morning.

- Good Works for Kids
  - Spoke with people at TOPS and P2P to initiate food drive.
  - Put bins outside grade doors and arrange to have food taken to P2P.

### **Program Chairs**

- Trivia Night
  - Tomorrow at 7 – 7:30 pm- Bingo to 7:45.
  - Good way to get community together.
  - Rock Paper Scissors- mom duo from New Canaan hosting.
  - Pop culture trivia
  - 75 + families have signed up.
  - 146 participants
  - Use 3 leftover Sports Shop gift cards for Trivia Night prizes. Post a thank you message to The Sports Shop on social media.
- Future Programming
  - Event planning for January
  - Parent Awareness group on Social Dilemma documentary- watch documentary on your own time and then go into break out room.

### **Future Action Items**

- Discussion of Formation of Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - Some of the elementary schools are forming Diversity and Inclusion committees to promote respectfulness and introduce healthy discourse.
  - Should MMS form a committee?
  - Put something in MPN to see if people will come forward to give ideas and form a committee.
  - Motion to approve
    - Approved by all in attendance

### **Any other Matters**

- Acts of Kindness leading up to winter break. Teachers and other kids could report the acts to the email address we used for the pumpkin contest.
- 7 minted orders totaling \$385
- \$611 on stop and shop since August
- Should we promote more on Amazon Smile?

### **Adjournment**