

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

**September 16, 2020**

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

## **Action Items:**

- Motion to approve minutes of May 27, 2020 Executive Board Meeting
  - Approved by all in attendance
- Motion to approve fundraising chair- Gina Gromelski.
  - Approved by all in attendance
- Motion to approve slate for 2020/21
  - Approved by all in attendance

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

- Update from Principal
  - First day was rough
  - Mr. Softee went well today
  - X’s have been placed where students get out of the car at arrival to help with social distancing- worked well.
  - Students will begin to understand the importance of social distancing
  - We are working with the boy scouts to get large tents for outdoor classrooms. The tents will be 18 x 30.
  - MPA will be buying more pop up tents
  - Teachers have been getting used to Zoom
  - Rented stencils to make obstacle course outside for recess- wanted to make everyone smile
  - Kids take their cues from adults- try to push anxiety down
  - Teachers will be having professional development on half day Fridays
  - Pictures from the obstacle course should be posted on social media
  - Trying to ramp up the level of fun with the ice cream social and obstacle course
- No volunteers will be allowed in the school
- MPA Gifts delivered
  - Picnic tables were delivered outside the library courtyard
  - Gift of appreciation for the teachers- hand sanitizers all wrapped up beautifully
  - Researching the best price for Adirondack chairs
- Spiritwear Update

- Selling masks on website and MPN- put it in Friday Facts and use Google form and Paypal to pay for them
- Under \$10 would be an appropriate price point for masks
- Have Spiritwear look into ordering team masks
- Directory Update
  - Deadline date of 9/18
  - Send out one more blast out and put it on social media
  - Ask Shelley to send out a separate email reminder
  - 616 orders have been verified, 414 not verified

### **Reports of Vice Chairs**

- Back to school luncheon
  - Used four forks- streamlined and worked well
- Beautification
  - Planted new bushes in front of the school and placed some pumpkins. Plans to do more

### **Programming Update**

- Understanding the Teenage Brain lecture that was cancelled in the spring needs to be rescheduled. Should it be via zoom in October/November or wait until spring and do it in person?
- Speaker has already been paid \$500- which she also charges for zoom seminars
- People are “zoomed out” and we should wait until the spring

### **Future Action Items**

- Discussion of Principal’s gift request: pop-up tents, Adirondack chairs
  - No hesitation with MPA helping with these items for school
- Discussion of contribution to ice cream event and stencils

### **Any other Matters**

- After the professional development days, it may be nice to hear from Shelley about how the teachers are doing/feeling
- Fundraising
  - Existing programs are fine to continue but no more direct appeal
- Ask Shelley to consider doing interactive, personable updates because emails are brief

## **Adjournment**