

Middlesex Middle School Executive Board Meeting Agenda

February 10, 2021

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

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting held on January 13, 2021
 - Approved by all in attendance

Reports of Co-Chairs:

- Update from Principal (Shelley was not in attendance.)
 - Planning for 5th grade Parents Night on February 25 on Zoom platform.
 - ✓ Double-check that all elementary schools have been informed.
 - ✓ Guidance counselors will be putting together slides.
 - ✓ MPA will participate
 - ✓ Spiritwear will be doing a corresponding event.
 - February 26th will be the last remote half-day and will consist of fun-filled team activities.
- MMS Social Services Panel Recap
 - Positive feedback
 - 85 people registered and 50 attended.
- Talk with Dr. Addley recap
 - Virtual talk on budget and other district issues.
 - 100 registered; 50 attended.
 - Questions were submitted beforehand.
- Upcoming: Teacher Appreciation Coffee
 - Planned for tomorrow, February 11th.
 - Surprise event for teachers to thank them for their hard work.
 - Catered from Vavala.
- Upcoming: MPA Philanthropic Event with Darien Human Services
 - First week in March
 - Opportunity to bring together MMS families to help families in need.
 - We will need help collecting items at pickup and drop-off and sorting.
 - There will also be a collection bin in the rotunda.

- Post on social media to get the word out.
- Budget Update
 - Budget cuts and adds went through last night; MMS loses a librarian, which will be replaced by a paraprofessional
 - Team teaching will remain at DHS
 - Gifted program will remain for 9th grade
- 8th grade promotion
 - Trying to loop in with the high school to do similar events.
 - Fundraiser idea: partner with a local shop to buy graduation posters, etc.

Vice Chairs

- Spiritwear
 - Working with a shop in New Canaan that will run an online store that will coordinate with 5th grade Parents Night.
 - They require at least 24 units of each style (there will be 3 styles) and there is a finite amount of time for the site to be up and running.
 - We still have leftover masks and magnets to sell.
 - SignUpGenius is not currently working – it needs to be reactivated.

Program Chairs

- Understanding the Teenage Brain; Christina Young
 - Zoom scheduled for March 30th at 7:30 pm.
 - Will start publicizing after winter break.
 - Possible other events in late spring? Another Trivia Night?

Fundraising Chair

- Spending has been above average this year with gifts: outdoor picnic tables for library courtyard, tents, Adirondack chairs, hand sanitizers.
- We do still have some money in reserves.
- Fundraising ideas (current outdoor gathering maximum is 100 people)
 - Weed beach paddle party in the fall
 - Flower arranging for Mother's Day weekend. Maybe get kids involved?
 - New 6th grade moms coffee in the fall at Neat
 - 8th grade stretching event at Nola Fitness
- Send reminders on MPN for Amazon Smile and Stop and Shop.

Any other Matters

- Discussion of future GiveBack events
 - Hearts for Seniors- 30 students have signed up.
 - Food drive at the end of March with Person to Person

- Teacher Appreciation
 - Community has expressed interest in supporting the teachers.
 - St. Patrick's Day celebration? Solo cups with treats inside? Parents could donate gifts so that every teacher could have a surprise.

Adjournment