

Middlesex Middle School Executive Board Meeting Agenda

March 10, 2021

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

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting held on February 10, 2021
 - Approved by all in attendance

Reports of Co-Chairs:

- Update from Principal (Shelley was not in attendance.)
 - Much excitement about teachers being vaccinated.
 - 8th grade Pi day is on Monday, March 15. Pizza will be given out.
 - Hosted a school wide zoom to discuss resiliency
 - Posting daily acts of kindness
 - Teachers have asked to have more live extra help options.
 - SBAC will take place in April.
 - 8th grade promotion date will be the day before the high school graduation – date has not been decided.
 - Looking at a date in May for Teacher Appreciation.
 - Career Day is being cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
 - Check in to see how outdoor space is being utilized by teachers.
- 5th Grade Parent Orientation Recap
 - Positive feedback.
 - 228 attendees.
 - Hosted by administration.
 - Video posted on website.
 - Promoted the book fair at the end.
- Preparing Elementary School Students with Special Education Services and 504 Accommodations for Middlesex Middle School Recap
 - 44 sign ups
 - MPA hosted in Webinar format
 - Event was recorded and posted on district website
- MPA Household Goods Drive for Darien Human Services
 - Fantastic response
 - 117 deodorant, 105 toothpastes, 198 rolls of toilet paper, etc

- Upcoming: MPA Book Fair
 - Hosted with Barrett Book Store in May- inside and curbside
 - All purchases will go to MPA- school will receive 20% of sales
 - Librarians and English department will provide book lists
 - Shelley promoted it during 5th grade parents night
- Spiritwear Update
 - Shop is up and running with an extended purchase date
 - All purchase minimums have been met
 - Link was sent to 5th grade parents
- Discussion on 5th Grade FAQ's document
 - It would be helpful to send a parent survey through room parents or aspen, giving parents an opportunity to ask questions.
 - Current parents can give favorite MMS tip to new parents?
- Donated extra masks and hand sanitizers for prizes for future contests held at school.

Vice Chairs

- MPA Exec Team Departure
 - Beth Regan will not be returning as co-chair- search continues for her replacement.
- Discussion and action on formation of Giveback Committee
 - 2-3 community initiatives to provide some giveback
 - It's important for the students to see us giving back to the community
 - One idea is for students to donate hours shoveling sidewalks for neighbors that are unable to.
 - Motion to add the Giveback Committee to the slate for next year was approved.

Program Chairs

- Upcoming: Cristina Young
 - Starting to take RSVP's for talk planned for March 30th
 - Sending a zoom link on March 29th
 - 25 RSVP's so far
- Discussion of other upcoming events
 - We have the budget to add more events this spring
 - A trivia night that ties in the local restaurants to provide food?
 - Waiting to hear back from Rock, Paper, Scissors to see if they are available. The cost for them would be \$600
 - Scavenger hunt? Book discussion?

- o Do we want to do something fun with the kids or enrichment/educational for parents?

Any other Matters

- Discussion of Social Committee
 - o Two sixth grade parent events in the fall weren't able to happen- should we have social committees for 6th and 7th grades next year?
 - o Let's do the same thing for 7th grade parents next year that we do for 6th grade parents. Possibly by team level to make it more intimate?
 - o Are we doing a cocktail party for 8th grade parents? Maybe in the spring and tie it into curriculum and planning for the high school.

Adjournment