

Middlesex Middle School Executive Board Meeting Agenda

April 21, 2021

Attendees: Raquel Bird, Cori Cronin, Kristen Croker Fiordalis, Kristina Gregory, Beth Regan, Alyson Johnson, Amy O’Kane, Shelley Sheridan, Liz Ezbiansky, Jennifer Clemow, Elizabeth Hole, Carol Kennedy, Sarah Muecke

Action Items:

- Motion to approve minutes of Executive Board Meeting held on March 10, 2021
 - Approved by all in attendance
- Motion to approve CDSP Community Donation Requests
 - Suggested amounts approved by all in attendance

Reports of Co-Chairs:

- Update from Principal (Shelley was not in attendance.)
 - Tents from the fall are being repaired and will be ready in a week.
 - We sent Shelley examples of 8th grade yard signs to choose which ones she liked. MPA will purchase the signs for all 8th graders and parents will be asked to pick them up.
 - SBAC testing will be going on for the next couple of weeks.
 - Virtual tour for incoming sixth graders is being organized by school counselors.
 - Nobu painting of the front of MMS will be given to Shelley as a retirement gift. The painting is 8 x 10 and costs \$140. Ideas for additional gifts?
 - Darien Chamber of Commerce gift cards for end-of-year staff gifts. Last year’s amazon e-cards didn’t work out well.
 - Special education panel will take place on 4/30. There will be a panel discussion with tips for parents to prep for fall return to school.
 - Teacher Appreciation breakfast food truck will come to MMS on 5/11. Any ideas for the actual Teacher Appreciation day? Balloons, signs, flowers in the teachers lounge? Reminder that the food truck will be coming on 5/11?
 - MPA book fair will be held on May 13-16 at Barrett Bookstore.

Reports of Program Chairs

- Upcoming: D &I collaboration with YWCA
 - Final parent talk- YWCA Diversity and Inclusion panel “The Stand Against Racism” initiative.

- Former Darien high school students on the panel discussing their experiences in a predominantly white school.
- Theme would be “How to be an ally to all people”

Nominating

- **Update on Slate**
 - People are not eager to take on larger roles
 - CDSP- one slot open for budget rep
 - Other positions open are chairs for 8th grade career day, 8th grade party and 8th grade promotion. Vice chair and treasurer positions also still need to be filled.
 - CDSP should vote on slate tomorrow.
 - Turnover zoom will be on 5/19.
 - Send emails to let everyone know who will be taking their positions and get transition documents in place.
 - Hold off on message center positions until we know if it will be an option for next year.

Any Other Matters

- Website is having another issue. Once it is back up running we can post roles that need to be filled.
- Adopt-a-Senior will just be posted on website and not on any social media for privacy reasons.
- It has not been decided if 8th grade graduation will be virtual or in-person. This should be communicated to parents.

Adjournment