

MHS PTO
Meeting Minutes
June 10th, 2008

Present: T. Nadeau, M. McCarthy, A. Hill, J. Hickey, M. Gately, J. Wood, K. Kerr, H. Magliozzi

School Calendar

- M. McCarthy distributed the school calendar for the 2008/2009 year. Of note – Early release days are scheduled for Wednesdays with a few exceptions. MHS & GM will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on early release days; Fowler School will continue to be dismissed at 10:50 a.m. There are a few exceptions to the 1:00 p.m. early dismissal time throughout the year.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

- Several thank-you notes from MHS staff for the staff appreciation luncheon were circulated during the meeting.

Faculty Updates

- Mrs. Edgar and Ms. Riley will not be returning next year. Mrs. Waldron is taking an LOA.

Scheduling Issues

- The junior class had several scheduling issues with classes. Some classes have been added to try and reduce the number of conflicts and issues.
- Homeroom will be the 1st class of the day next year. Attendance will be taken in homeroom. The change was made due to an issue over the last few years with student tardiness.

Teacher Grant Proposals

- Teachers presented their proposals to A. Hill, J. Wood and M. McCarthy after the staff luncheon on May 9th.
- \$1040 in grant money will be awarded to the following recipients: Guidance \$100 for books; Health \$358.75 for newsletter subscription; English \$300 for 3 sets of 10 books; History (Explorations) \$282 for newsletter subscription.
- Teachers will have to submit invoice to the MHS office for money spent; office will pay out invoice and MHS PTO will reimburse office.

Got Books

- Got Books container was emptied in May. PTO will receive \$229.

Pictures

- Prom pictures went well this year. Pictures were completed before the prom started. A percentage of money from pictures goes to the junior class.
- Life touch also took pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma at graduation. Pictures are available on-line for purchase.

Gardening

- J. Wood and N. Marshall finished the flowerpots and they look great!
- D. McNulty from Thyme in the Garden generously donated all of the flowers for the pots. THANKS Debbie!
- The Connections class will be responsible for watering the flowers through the end of July.
- Volunteers are needed to help water once a day beginning in August.
- Water jugs will need to be filled inside the building (if open) as there is an issue with the outside hose as well as a key is needed to access the outside spicket.
- **If you can volunteer one day a week to water the flowerpots, please contact MaryEllen McCarthy at mccarthy.clan@verizon.net. M. McCarthy will set up a schedule.**

School Sign

- M. McCarthy has continued to work with sign company regarding design and cost for sign at the top of MHS driveway.
- Cost is approximately \$6,200. Chief Corcoran has agreed to fund \$3,000 from the Community Policing Grant.
- B. Sullivan is investigating if there is money available from alumni classes that was designated for a school sign.
- M. McCarthy is investigating other options for funding the remainder of the cost.
- The sign will include MHS and Fowler School.
- R. Cosetta has volunteered his labor if there are any wiring needs. Still would need to cover the cost of supplies and permit.
- B. McCarthy met with the Maynard Building Inspector as directed by the Planning Board. Building Inspector believes that the sign would be exempt under MA General Laws under an education exemption. This means sign can be lit internally and will not have to meet by-law requirements. A building permit will still be necessary. Neighbors would need to be notified and would have 30 days to appeal new sign. M. Masterson would like the neighbors to be notified ahead of time and any issues and concerns are addressed prior to.

Fundraising

- Group agreed to continue with Kids Nite Out – need to determine a plan, calendar and who will be “sponsoring”.
- Got Books will continue
- Life Touch pictures will continue for another year with money from school picture purchases coming to the PTO.
- Comedy Night discussed and group thought it this was worth exploring for next year. Timing of event will be important - ?January 2009.

Schedule of Meetings for 2008/2009

September 11th, 2008

October 9th, 2008

November 13th, 2008
December 11th, 2008
January 8th, 2009
February 12th, 2009
March 12th, 2009
April 4th, 2009
May 14th, 2009
June 9th, 2009

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS library. Schedule is subject to change.

Submitted by:
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