

Friends of MRMS/ HWRHS
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2015

Attendees: Tess Leary, Lorraine Miller, Lori Bouchard, Scott Marshall, Kelly Heney Dorothy Goudie, Lia Wainwright, Julie Flynn, Amy DeSimone, Holly Gamber, Sally Ryan Shaw, Jill Evers, Eric Tracy, Craig Hovey. (* Meeting minutes prepared by Lori Johnson)

Meeting Minutes: No Meeting minutes were presented for November

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dorothy Goudie – no report presented due to printing issues.

- Financially November was a very light month
- still settling out Innisbrook tallies.

Principal's Report

Eric Tracy

- Pretty quiet time of year,
- Discussing new program studies for next school year. The review goes for approval later this month. Considering adding more application courses, like Journalism, Law or Government, fine arts selections, possibly offering some on an even/odd year. Will begin scheduling right after Feb vacation.
- Graduating class is 160, incoming class will be 125-150 depending upon school choice enrollments. Not sure how decreased enrollment will affect budget, at best looking at level budgeting.
- HS needs furniture and plan for other capital expenditures. Will be discussions in Jan-Feb.
- Will review power block schedule after 2nd QTR (Feb) will likely make some adjustments
- Question raised about how to get more federal grant funding, it was explained that although we do get Title 1 Grants, the majority of others are based upon Economic make up of district and the number of students on aid for lunch programs. H/W doesn't typically qualify.
- HS will host Parent Coffee on Jan 6 at 8AM instead of attending Friends in January.
- Issue raised that the Senior Mid Year dance had been cancelled because the Advisor had other plans

Craig Hovey

- Winter Concert Wednesday night
- Student Council Toy Drive going well for Wellspring House
- DC Trip has 97 registered and requests for \$2,200 in scholarships
- Craig will contact parents of those not enrolled
- Final call for registrations will go out this week.
- Fundraising letter went to local businesses last week,
- Chronicle will run article to promote need for funds.
- STEAM Event - Lorraine Miller is working with Craig on this, designing a career day type event, survey out to parents to collect background and who might be available to help. It was agreed a school day event is best. Targeting March/April.
- Hour of Code - this week all HS and MS math classes will go to Library with Joanna Wilson for coding sessions. Also an after school session will be held as well.
- Shanghai students, still looking for host families for 5 girls. Planning going well
- Field Trips, 6th grade going to Peabody Essex and the NSMT to see the Lightning Thief in spring.
- Waiting for decision on MCAS or PAARC from School Committee. Due by Dec 17.

Other Business:

- Teachers Christmas Breakfast Dec 17th, Kelly Heney and Amy DeSimone will run.
- Providence Bruins Game in Jan - Lori Bouchard will organize with Craig as a fund raiser for DC Trip
- Thanks to Jill Evers and Amy Jones for fundraising over the weekend \$300 for DC Trip
- Pizza Party and Ice Cream for Innisbrook winning classes needs to be finalized
- Considering other fundraising ideas for DC Trip including selling Shrek ears, big ticket bake sale and Pajama Day
- Need date for 8th Grade Dinner Dance and a Parent to lead the planning (Lori J to send note to parents.)
- Tess will do an end of calendar year post/push for donations to Scholarship funds, with more details about what it is.
- Discussion about the need for a Fundraising Coordinator on the Friends Board going forward. Other positions are opening for next year as well.
- Suggestion raised to work on Class pages on the website, would need coordination of Class Adviser (teacher)
- School store should be a website not a physical location. Links to all schools could be added.

Next Meeting: Feb 1st - MRMS Miles River Room