

Friends of MRMS/ HWRHS
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016

Attendees: Jennifer Caufield, Tess Leary, Lorraine Miller, Kelly Heney, Dorothy Goudie, Amy DeSimone, Sally Ryan Shaw, Jill Evers, Stacey Verge, Jenny Frain, Kelly Norris, Tina Mastrocola, Sue Howland, Eric Tracy, Craig Hovey.

Meeting Minutes: Dec 2015 Meeting Minutes were presented and unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dorothy Goudie – no report presented (having issues with the spreadsheet)

- Innisbrook Total Income \$4154.35
- Paid out: Staff Luncheon, H2O training, Innisbrook

Principal's Reports

Eric Tracy (funding/assistance request) Life skills class at the HS wants to start the school store in the old office space that Eric has cleaned out. The group will run and manage products. Maybe online and store front combo. They will have a small inventory of basic items (Tshirts, Sweats, Pajamas) surveyed the students what they wanted to see. Sally will talk with coord. at the HS.

Craig Hovey

- MRMS Musical Shrek -Thurs, Fri, Sat
- 23 Students Art is on exhibit at Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester. Previously this month At 15 Walnut and and Wenham Museum. Ms Concannon is working hard to get students work out in the community. Parents were unaware the art was displayed and asked that Ms Concannon email parents and alert the students.
- PARCC – District will be administering the PARCC this year instead of the MCAS. Next year will be the MCAS 2.0 which is a hybrid test between PARCC and MCAS. MRMS Students will take 3 ELA Tests(est 90 mins each), 3 Math Tests (est 90 mins each)and 8th Grade will still take the Science & Tech MCAS because the PARCC does not have a SCI and TECH test. PARCC test is timed with no “extra time” unless you have accommodations on IEP or 504 Plan. MRMS will try to have all 3 grades take the tests at the same time
DATES: MAY 3,4,5 (ELA)
MAY 10,11,12 (MATH)
MAY 17,18 Sci & Tech (8th Grade)
PARCC is Paper and Pencil this year but will be computer next year
QUESTION about OPTING OUT of test: There is not district policy at this time.
- DAILY Schedule Change in JAN: Moved 5 min from end of TEAM time to beginning of the day. Less rush in the morning. The 5 mins was added to the 1st Block (except weds). Clarification: WIN is NOT the same as TEAM Time
- Shanghai Student Visit – Arrive Jan 24th
Mon Jan 25th @ MRMS and stay with Host families through Sat morn
Events Planned: Pizza Party and Friday Assembly
- Funding Request - 6th Grade to NSMT to see Lightening Thief on April 6th. \$755 in lieu of the Eureka Field Trip. Request was unanimously approved
- 8th Grade Dance – DATE TBD, need Coord (Craig does not want in May, June Grad conflict and DC Trip)
- Tina Mastrocola asked to Coord with next Student Council Meeting to have the 7th Grade work on Crosby's Receipts.\
- Question: Alternate 8th Grade Trip to Boston for Students NOT going to DC.? YES, trying to get a one day trip for those students. Approx 100 of 135 Students will be going to DC.

Susan Howland (Adjustment Counselor at HS) – \$4,800 Funding Request for Rachel's Challenge Program *“Inspired by Rachel Scott's vision to create a chain reaction of kindness and compassion, this program enhances the caring and supportive learning environment of schools, essential for academic achievement. Awaken the Learner motivates and inspires every learner in the educational community.”* www.rachelschallenge.org

- Fall 2010 Friends Funded the Rachel's Challenge Speaker. *“Rachel Joy Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999. But that was only the beginning of the story. After her death, many students that Rachel reached out to share stories with the Scotts about the profound impact her simple acts of kindness had on their lives; even preventing one young man for taking his own life. They soon realized the transformational effect of Rachel's story and started the non-profit organization that is Rachel's Challenge today.”*
- HS School Climate Movement – HS has little camaraderie, it's very disjointed among grades, apathetic.
- Sue want to bring this program to the HS. Prog includes:
 - 2 assemblies
 - Training and Materials for Rachel's Club (currently merged with C.A.R.E. Club)

- Community Event – for all parents with video
 - Teacher’s Kit to help continue the momentum in classroom
 - Professional Development and Training for the Staff
 - Profession Assessment of the Program 0 Survey the school climate for strengths and opportunities
- Discussion to fund other schools who have successfully executed the program and get feedback
 - Possible Funding from EdFund – Voting to cover the Second Tier for \$1,200
 - Rotary Funding Possible? Sue will contact them
 - Timing: Feb? or Fall?
 - Include Grades 8-12? 7-11?
 - Concerns: Is this the right Program for our HS and Climate? How do we know? Will it help make a change? We have a very “kind” climate, is this what we need? Looking to hear Eric Tracy’s opinion?
 - www.rachelschallenge.org please read and research – Jen will circulate any additional materials from Sue to the group

School Committee Update – Jan 21 School Budget Public Hearing

HS Principal Coffee – Jan 13

Directory – Finally Done. Electronic Version went out, printed copies in next few weeks. Lots of work for one person. Friends should re evaluate if we do it in the future. Is it past its time? Discuss at June Meeting

Boxtops – Kelly Norris: There is a collection box in the office. MRMS did not want boxes to collect in each classroom.

Suggestion to have Craig send email to all families to remind them to collect and submit boxtops. Most don’t even know that we collect

Next Meeting: Feb 1st - MRMS Miles River Room