

**Friends of MRMS/HWRHS
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016**

Attendees: Jen Caufield, Dorothy Goudie, Lori Johnson, Kelly Heney, Jackie Belezos, Laurie McKechnie, Patti Roka, Stacey Verge

March 2016 Meeting Minutes: Presented by Jen Caufield and unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dorothy Goudie – Unanimously Approved

Principal's Report – Eric Tracy

- “Intermission” period at the HS – between breaks
- HWRHS Theater Workshop who won at the State Festival of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild last weekend in Boston for their one-act play W.A.S.P. The Theater Workshop will perform their play at the New England Drama Council Festival in Connecticut from April 20 through April 22.
- PRISM Concert Wed
- April is stress prevention – activities and conversations about stress and stress prevention. All are promoted to the students through emails and posters throughout school
- District Curriculum Director Interviews – down to 2 candidates
- MCAS – ended last week – next year MCAS 2.0
- SAT’s – new this spring is the “optional writing” – costs more
- STEM Project – John Kotch Survey results were mixed. How can we balance the need vs the interest?
- District Wide Discussion about Curriculum – Project based learning - need a balance, importance of Critical thinking skills.
- Classes for next year – added a US History – American Lit combo class.
- Developing Journalism and pre Law classes
- Question about Choice Prog: Do we take into consideration the decline in enrollment when you are determining the number of choice kids we can accommodate – YES, next year we will have 5 more “seats” for choice students.
- Dress Code – There was no change to the dress code – just reminded all of policy. All of the rules are in an effort to make everyone comfortable – teachers and students.
- Question – is there a website or on the HS website that lists all volunteer opportunities? Would be great for service requirement - may add this to Intern Coord. Position.
- Frank Sullivan is retiring – New Guidance Dir for next year. Hoping to evolve the position – not just college counseling.
- Guidance Coffee on Monday

School Committee Update:

Thank you for attending and voting to support Budget at Town Meetings
Town Elections Thurs, Apr 7 (3, 3-year terms & 1, 1-year term)
SC Monthly Newsletter – on District Website. Stay up to date on what has and will be discussed by the SC

Friends of the HW Library Funding Request - \$500 for Speaker Dr Robert Brooks “Parenting for Today” (see Attached) Unanimous vote to approve.

Staff Luncheon – Date? Jen Sanford to cater.

Next Meeting: May 2nd