

Friends of MRMS/HWRHS

Zoom meeting November 17th, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Bouchard, Lorraine Miller, Julian Myers, Craig Hovey, Eric Tracy, Liz Lovell, C. Bendoris, Chrysanthi Bliati, Heather Ciriello, Kristin Crockett, Amy DeSimone, Gracyn, Alison Hawkins, Kelly Heney, Ann Kent, Pamela Milman-Stein, Jennifer Rullman, Chris Shrock, Amy Star, Jaime Stelmat, Bethany Swanson, Eileen Tran, Nancy Waddell

Principal's Update: Craig Hovey – MRMS

iPads are being distributed to 7th and 8th graders this week. Cohort A received theirs on 11/16 and Cohort B will receive theirs on 11/19. 6th grade will continue using Chromebooks this year. Each iPad comes with a nice keyboard case, charger, etc. Families with fully-remote students can pick up their iPad in the multipurpose room at MRMS on Nov. 18th from 8-10am and 1-2 pm. -The Tech dept is available to help with devices. You'll generally hear back the next day.

helpdesk@hwschools.net

-Students should be aware that windows may still be open in classrooms and they should dress in layers. The tents are gone, but chairs remain outside. The doors to the multipurpose room will remain open at lunch for now. Tents may return in the spring, if necessary.

-Staffing Updates

Danielle Petrucci on leave – Ms. Caylan Kenney-Nolan will be teaching Health & Wellness classes c.kenney-nolan@hwschools.net

Counselor Jessica Merritt out on maternity leave - Ms. Jeanne Attaya
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-There isn't much happening in the way of after-school clubs. Kim Adsit is starting an A Cappella group and the Gender Sexuality Alliance is meeting virtually. Ski Bradford has been canceled by the Community House.

-School Photos

12/1 - Picture day (cohort A and fully remote)

12/3 - Picture day (cohort B and fully remote)

A form for photos went home today 11/17/20. More info on times for fully remote students later. The process will be spread out over several hours to facilitate social distancing.

MRMS Currents – info on things for families to do, accessed from the MRMS website. The superintendent is working on a district-wide clearing house for activities for families, etc.

Principal Update: Eric Tracy - HWRHS

-B Cohort returns to school on Thursday, Nov. 19

-A Cohort returns Monday, Nov. 23

-MCAS - as of now, the State plans for MCAS to be held. MCAS will be scheduled for the 3rd week in January and the testing is mandated at the federal level. Eric and other principals have sent letters to the MCAS board, asking them to waive MCAS for this school year.

- STAMP test begin administered on-line tomorrow

NO MID-YEAR EXAMS THIS YEAR

-PSAT will be offered at HWRHS for juniors, and possibly sophomores Jan. 26th, 2021. Families should have received an email from the Guidance office.

-Athletics – waiting for news from the MIAA regarding the next sports season

-Push to Increase Instructional Time – the Edfund has agreed to provide funds for streaming equipment. The high school is looking at several models. One model is to: Connect with Kids, Introduce Lesson, Break into rooms or do activities at home independently, then return to the group and reconnect, answer questions, etc. MRMS is also looking at the high school model and pilots for streaming Teachers who have both CP and Honors students in a class are looking at ways of addressing the needs of all students.

- The hybrid survey was sent to parents.

-Next Year's Budget process starts in mid-December and runs into February. Parents should stay informed regarding the FY22 budget.

-The district / school coffee hours were very beneficial (and will probably be offered in the future)

Other Friends NEWS

-The Meadow Farms Fundraiser was successful – more info at the next meeting. Thank you to everyone who everyone who participated!

-Staff Appreciation Breakfast – probably Dec. 10th. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out. Food can be dropped off the day before (Wednesday), when there aren't students in the building, and kept overnight in the fridge, etc. This will occur at both schools.

Looking for a way to become more involved in our schools? Join the Friends' Board:

- Positions open include: 2- co-presidents, and 2 co-secretaries

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25th at 10:30 AM for the Thanksgiving break. Stay tuned for more info on virtual opportunities that morning.

Next Meeting: In January (date undetermined)