

## **PTO Meeting Minutes January 25 2022**

### **Welcome**

- Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

### **Approval of Minutes from December meeting**

- Adjustment needed for date of seal watch from Feb 15 weekend to unknown date
- All in favor of approving minutes

### **Approval of Treasurer Report**

- Review of treasurer report
- Two seniors waiting for grades to receive scholarship, will issue checks
- Approval of \$150.00 to be used for yearbook ad
- All in favor of approving treasurer report

### **Principals Report**

- These have been difficult times with covid, though I believe appears to be more stable recently
- Alumni came to speak with seniors virtually. Good feedback given for next year alumni meeting if in person.
- Putting together a meeting to establish the vision of a MSMHS graduate via zoom with students and parents.
- Juniors are starting to plan for their senior year, meeting February 3.
- Continued talks to decide where to have graduation with options; outside at MSMHS, Coast Guard Academy or Avery Point. Date is June 9th. Seniors interested in having graduation at the USCGA. Concerns about all guests having an identification to enter the USCG academy. Amy Pisani will see about needing ID to enter USCGA.
- Upcoming meeting for senior parents/families to share portfolios.

### **Old business**

- Seal watching event date unclear but likely in March.
- Trivia nite tentatively on April 1 when Get Your Entertainment On is available, likely outside. Crystal Brough and Erica Chandler on the committee, Tara Amatrudo confirmed this would be a good date.

### **New Business**

- Eric Linvinoff followed the guidelines for receiving a grant and asked for a grant for his AP computer class. He states the updated grant process is improved and very easy. He asked for \$475.00 for Spiro robots to enhance the access to robotics/technology. Motion approved.
- Scholarship review committee will meet soon to assess scholarship criteria. The following will meet, Melissa Burdo, Annette Weaver-Brooks, Crystal Brough and Lara Dolphin. Lara will coordinate a date for the meeting and Tara Amatrudo will try to join.
- Teacher appreciation luncheon to be held Wednesday, February 16 with ? Pizza or Bennedito's in Groton, suggest Jennifer Smith. Both are families of businesses are MSMHS students. A motion was passed to expense up to \$500.00 for the luncheon. In addition,

another coffee day will be held in the middle to end of March, ? 15-16 with possibly food as well. Jennifer Smith suggest we use The Social rather than Starbucks and try to support more local businesses.

- Discussion regarding the quality and quantity of school lunches. Colleen and Tara states they are aware of some issues and will see if at least larger portions can be given. The food shortage, National school lunch regulations, and staffing shortages are issues.
- Tara Amatrudo discussed how there will be more transparency with families regarding with non-binary language as some parents have concerns. MSMHS is careful to make sure all students feel they belong and to be inclusive.
- Next meeting February 15
- Meeting Adjourned at 6:57

### **Attendees via Zoom**

Principal Tara Amatrudo  
VP Colleen Hardison  
Lara Dolphin  
Annette Weaver-Brooks  
Laura Heller

Kelly Morales  
Crystal Brought  
Erica Chandler  
Melissa Burdo  
Amy Pisani  
Eric Livinoff