

**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**March 29, 2022**

- Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

**Approval of Minutes from February meeting**

- All in favor of approving minutes

**Approval of Treasurer Report**

- Checks went out for teacher appreciation event and bowling event for teachers
- All in favor of approving treasurer report

**President's Report**

- Scholarship review committee met and had two recommendations. The team would like to eliminate the financial piece of the application, as well as foregoing the teacher recommendation. A 500 word essay on a life lesson that applies to post graduation life will be added. The team would like to meet again before reviewing applications.
- Teacher appreciation was March 15-16 with coffee and snacks on the 15th and sandwiches from Bennedittos on the 16th. Ms Hardison reported that the staff loved the event and that "Lara goes above and beyond".
- This Friday is Trivia night , with currently 80 players. They are trying to get 100 players. The freshman are doing a pizza and baked goods fundraiser and sophomores a basket raffle. Event begins at 6 PM and games start at 7 pm.
- Terry Boothby is joining MSMHS staff as a nurse practitioner for our own School Based Health Center. She will be at the school on Thursday and Fridays and act as a personal urgent care for students. Students can get sport and school physicals through her. Registration and a health history will be needed.

**Principals report**

- Tara Amatrudo encourages parents to consider fulfilling the role of PTO president next year.
- Tomorrow is SAT day. It is the first time it will be given digitally.
- Field trips are happening again.
- Graduation date is June 13. It will likely be held at the Garde Arts Center in New London, but not confirmed at this time.
- Staff is building a vision of what skill sets we would like our graduates to have. Skills set should be indicative of ways to prosper post graduation. Staff would like input from parents.

- Advisory council held with parents, there has been discussion of setting looser regulations on school dress code.
- Fish tales went out today.
- Kindness week is upcoming. There will be a personal hygiene drive with donated items to go to a local organization. There will be a kindness agenda for each day of the week with challenges.
- Prom for Juniors and Seniors will be May 20th at Waters Edge. Outside guests are welcome. Cost of ticket price not clear yet. Students with difficulty covering cost can be assisted with the Principal's discretionary fund.

### **New Business**

- Six students have demonstrated interest in Project O overnight camp. Two students will go for free. The group discussed giving some financial support to the other four students who would like to go. A motion was passed for the PTO to cover \$250.00 for the other students if they choose to go.
- Four groups of student/s complete presentations for the PTO to fund ways to keep MSMHS a greener school. Reductions of plastic use through reusable water bottles, bowls and utensils were among some of the suggestions. No winner was chosen at this time. There will be ongoing discussions to make a final decision. May choose a combination of green presentation options.
- Next meeting April 26
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:28

### **Attendees**

Principal Tara Amatrudo

VP Colleen Hardison

Terry Boothby

Lara Dolphin

Annette Weaver-Brooks

Laura Heller

Kelly Morales

Erica Chandler

Kelly Morales

Amy Chapel

Amber Haifley

Maria Kostopoulos

Mike Muti  
Lisa Muti  
Pam Delaney  
Arron Delaney