

Agenda

MSMHS PTO Meeting

November 16, 2023

<p>Call to Order/Welcome -President: Anni Rodgers</p>	<p>6:32 pm</p>
<p>Approval of October 3, 2023 minutes -Secretary: Allison Lena</p>	<p>Will approve at next meeting, meeting minutes were not printed</p>
<p>Officer Reports: -President: Anni Rodgers *Review of committee guidelines *2023/2024 Vice President Vote -Treasurer: Jennifer King *Budget updates *Approval of the October Treasurer report -Secretary: Allison Lena</p>	<p>President’s Report - Review of committee guidelines - Formal communication must happen by email, please CC officers - Funds must be requested at previous PTO meeting before money is spent - 2023/2024 Vice President vote - Anni made motion to nominate Ed Cotto Morales - Unanimous yes for Ed</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report - Budget updates - Incomes - Got Sneakers (\$14.25) - Sharkbites - Panera Bread (\$234.35) - Chipotle (\$186.76) - Pizza Palace (\$250) - Approval of October Treasurer report - Anni Rodgers made the motion, Liz Blombery seconded. MOTION APPROVED.</p> <p>Secretary’s Report - Nothing to report</p>
<p>Principal Report: Tara Amatrudo/Colleen Hardison Topics of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Vape detection system● Grading policy community Zoom● Shark Week info & Shark Bowl game change update●</p>	<p>Principal Tara Amatrudo is away in Washington, D.C. receiving the Blue Ribbon award - Giving a presentation about the MSAP grant the school received</p> <p>Vape detection system - Triton Sync (sensors) - Not using the keyword program (activates when words of self harm and fighting are used) - Students came to administration with uncomfortable using the restroom because other students were vaping</p>

- If students are caught vaping: Must do online workshop with GASP and meet with student resource officer

Grading policy community Zoom

- Decent attendance
- New grading policy is a work in progress
- Appreciate feedback from attendees
- Liz B. asked to have the Honor Roll members put into the local papers
- Tracey G. asked to have the list printed somewhere on social media to make it shareable

Shark Week info & Shark Bowl game change update

- Monday: PJ & anything but backpacks (must be safe and transport up/down stairs)
- Tuesday: Students dress like teachers & teachers dress like students
- Wednesday: Color wars

9th → yellow

10th → red

11th → white

12th → blue

Wear the colors & bring in recyclable materials to decorate the school

- Game change reasoning
- Students came forward with concerns about gender constraints
- A lot of nonbinary students
- Most inclusive and fair → team handball
- Juniors vs. seniors
- Anni received anonymous email from a parent who remarked that students felt disappointed

Thanksgiving Day baskets

- Tracey suggested having students to kick off food drive at her family's dealership next year
- Interact will be putting the baskets together

Wellness Week

- Ada Gauthier (senior)
- Gold Award project
- Therapy Dog visiting 11/17

	<p>Learning Lab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combined math lounge with English - Math Lounge made big difference in math scores, needed more help with English - Any block of the day, students can get help on ANY subjects - NHS students will also be staffing it - Grant received paid for an additional English teacher
<p>Student Council Report: Charlie Bergendahl</p>	<p>No representative was able to attend</p>
<p>Committee Report(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scholarships-Ed Cotto Morales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee will commence in February! ● Staff Appreciation-Tracey Goodwin & Cheryl Corej <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff luncheon report ○ Holiday appreciation plans ● Fundraising/events-Anni Rodgers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SharkBites updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$186.76 earned at Chipotle ■ November 14: Pizza Palace (Groton) ■ December 13: Pick Pockets (Groton) ■ January 10: Smashburger (Waterford) ■ February 13: Valentino’s (Ledyard) ■ March 20: Mango’s (Stonington) ○ See’s Candy Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sales of \$1,113 in sales with proceeds of \$289 ■ Last day to order is November 30 ○ Sharkapalooza Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What: Music Bingo and Live Open Mic Night ■ When: February 2, 2024, 6 to 9 pm ■ Where: MSMHS ■ Cost: Free to attend (donations encouraged at the door) ■ Fundraising: \$5 for 2 Bingo cards and \$10 for 4, plus the PTO will sell food, beverages, and we'll have a basket raffle and 50/50 raffle to raise funds ■ Volunteers needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Event coordinator (1) - organizer of all things ● Basket donations (at least 3 people) - solicit local businesses for donations of products, services, gift cards 	<p>Scholarships (Ed Cotto Morales)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A <p>Staff Appreciation (Tracey Goodwin & Cheryl Corej)</p> <p>Staff luncheon report → Jennifer King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff reached out to Cheryl about receiving recipes - Regret → didn’t take photos <p>Holiday appreciation plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cookie swap with coffee - Parent donation of baked goods and gift cards <p>Fundraising/Events (Anni Rodgers)</p> <p>SharkBites updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panera Bread (\$234.35) - Chipotle (\$186.76) - Pizza Palace (\$250) - \$997.36 raised so far → 25% to goal <p>See’s Candy Fundraiser</p> <p>Sharkapalooza event</p> <p>Student Appreciation (Liz Blomberg)</p> <p>Homecoming photo booth report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students were disappointed in lack of physical photos and “Weird” to give the vendor their cellphone numbers - Wouldn’t recommend using this vendor in the future - PTO has received all digital photo files - Share with yearbook <p>Hot cocoa bar at Shark Bowl game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 300 paper cups from Tracey

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cafe (1 to 2) - organize and sell food and beverages, getting donations wherever possible ● Talent (1) - recruit 5 to 10 students/staff/parents/groups to perform one song each during the open mic event ● Branding, decorations, and videography (1) ● Bingo (Anni) - I have secured the Music Bingo vendor, who will facilitate 4 games with themes of our choosing (i.e. '80s, hip hop, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Appreciation-Liz Blomberg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homecoming photo booth report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ PTO has received all digital photo files ○ Hot cocoa bar at Shark Bowl game ○ Finals week plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requesting: 3 tables and 4 trash cans - Committee asks for up to \$200 to spend on refreshments for the Shark Bowl - Theresa seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. <p>Midterms plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distribute around the building (two locations: upstairs & downstairs) - December 15th, 18th, 20th, 21st - 2 volunteers per day (8a-12p) - Snack items (healthy options → no candy) - Liz B. made motion for up to \$250 to buy items to give to students midterms - Colleen will check on students selling snacks during exam time as a fundraiser
<p>New Business/questions: Secretary Allison Lena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Request to consider new school photographer from Susan Turley (Anni to read email) 	<p>Agenda item #1 → Calendar of Fundraisers for the entire year Colleen suggested</p> <p>Agenda item #2 → request to consider new school photographer from Susan Turley Colleen will look into this</p>
<p>Vote update: Tara/Colleen</p>	<p>7:25</p>
<p>Adjournment: President Anni Rodgers</p>	<p>7:38 pm</p> <p>Next PTO meeting: Tuesday, December 5th 6:30-7:30 pm</p>

Please note that all of the PTO contacts stay the same. If you wish to reach anyone on the executive board please use the email addresses below, and it's best to cc: everyone. Thank you and have a great night!

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