



MSSM Parents Association Semi-Annual Meeting

Friday October 14th, 2022

11AM-12PM

Maine School of Science and Math, Academic Building B101

Attendance: Meredith Rousseau, Susan Nonken, Matt Roman, Nan Berry, Chris Reichert, Tenille Reichert, Ron Peck, Kit Merritt, Sean Donahue, Scott Cuddy, Tony Jordan, Natasha Jordan, Erin Ingalls, Rebecca Kirk, Jeffrey Kirk, Joh Butera, Chris Rose, Laura Butera, Warren Ziegler, Scott Rousseau, Michael Thompson

Guests: Jeff Candura, Sam Critchlow

Call to Order: M. Rousseau called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Opening Remarks: M. Rousseau

- Welcome and introductions
- First of two official Parents' Association (PA) meetings held annually
- Two votes will be held by ballot:
 - 2022-2023 executive officer slate
 - Minor changes to the bylaws
- Introduced Sam Critchlow, Executive Director of MSSM
 - Gratitude for parents participating in Parents' weekend and encouraged participation in the PA; Parents' participation in the school is critical to its success
 - Addressed his departure at the end of the academic year and commitment to continue the work in advancing the school throughout the next year
 - Encouraged parents to attend one of the two information sessions during the weekend to answer any questions
- Introduced Jeff Candura, Executive Director of the MSSM Foundation
 - The Foundation funds the Parents' Association with an allocation of \$4500 annually and funds several PA events including Parents' Weekend, Prom, Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week, Senior Week, and the Senior Trip
 - The foundation is also a link to alumni, a link to past graduates and a link to what is happening now by bringing that community together whether through links around the state or events within this community. He asks parents to reach out with any questions.
 - The Foundation will be looking for another parent representative next year; reach out to J. Candura if you are interested.
 - Students are eligible for foundation grants. The Michael P. Fabio Exploration Grant was set up in memory of an MSSM graduate to support students in exploring their

passions. Last year, four students went to the American southwest and three students were able to go to Iceland.

New Business – M. Rousseau

- Prom committee requesting donations of candy for their Love Pumpkin Fundraiser; can be dropped off in B101 this weekend or sent back with students returning from the weekend
- October "Stuff the Bus" donations can be dropped off in B101 or sent back with students returning on the bus.
- Look for announcements and information from the PA on the PA Facebook page. The Facebook page is a great way to connect with other parents, get notified of events, and/or coordinate with other parents for transportation etc. All parents are able request permission to be added to the MSSM PA Facebook community.

New Business – M. Rousseau

- Voting on Proposed Officer Slate
 1. M. Rousseau nominated for President
 2. Erin Ingalls nominated for Secretary
 3. Rebecca Kirk nominated for Treasurer
 4. Write-in candidate for Vice President, Chris Reichert
- The officers were voted into office with a majority vote by the attending members of the PA (listed above)
- Vote on Parents' Association Bylaws: two changes being proposed to the bylaws
 1. Clarifying language of the committee structure as there is no longer a publicity committee; language is generalized to admin and residential life
 2. Change to extend the length of the elected officer from one to two years with the option to extend for a second term.
- The bylaws changes were ratified with a majority vote by the attending members of the PA (listed above)
- The Parents Association will be looking to start some regional parent group gatherings throughout the state. If anyone is interested in participating in or hosting/organizing a regional event, please reach out to Meredith Rousseau.

Adjournment – M. Rousseau adjourns the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Erin Ingalls