

Marple Newtown High School PTO

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

Student Report: Chloe Hand, Junior Vice President

Chloe reported that spirit week was successful. At the pep rally, they had a field goal contest where someone from each grade was represented. They announced the homecoming court as well. The homecoming game was announced as a blackout for Austin's Army versus Conestoga. The homecoming king and queen would be announced at the game. There were 450 tickets presold for the homecoming dance. The dance will be held in the courtyard. No masks will have to be worn unless inside for the bathroom. Heaters setup outside for comfort and no guests allowed to come due to weather uncertainties that could move the dance indoors where COVID protocols need to be followed.

Next planned event is the powder puff football game. In the Fall, it will be juniors and seniors versus sophomores and freshman. There is a second game tentatively scheduled for March as well. They are also trying to bring back other events like Can-Jam, basketball and/or volleyball tournaments. They are trying to bring up morale and make their high school years more memorable.

Principal Report: Mr. Tabar

Mr. Tabar reported that the PSAT's were finished. Keystone scores should be in soon. The state extended the testing window to September 30th so that is why no results have been shared.

He also reported that students must take the AP exam to get the AP weight on their transcript. A \$40 non-refundable deposit is due by November 15th. Checks payable to Marple Newtown High School. There is a \$45 late charge.

Miscellaneous Items

- Agendas not available due to shipping issues. They are just waiting for them to leave the warehouse.
- The ranking results of Niche rely heavily on the public reviewing the school on the website.
- The school will work on getting announcements posted on the website for the parents/guardians.

PTO President Report: Stacy McCauley

Stacy informed the attendees that Mr. Beltrante had two requests. One was for a water filling station on the second floor of the school. The PTO will pay for the equipment and the district will install it. This was voted upon and it was a yes across the board. The second request was for assistance to get more gaming computers for the E Sports club. There are currently 80 members. Stacy suggested an alumni wiffle ball tournament. This was discuss but no definitive decision was made.

Stacy also suggested a high school field/color day in the Spring. Teachers and staff would help organize. The PTO would cover payment of any items needed for the event. This was discussed but no definitive decision was made at this time.

Lastly, Stacy discussed the matter of a joint PTO. This was discussed at the joint PTO meeting with Dr. Kane. It would be one PTO group that could have a shared directory and share the insurance fee. The funds would be split and designated to their school. The proposal is out there in hopes to save money on insurance along with getting all of the different PTOs on the same page (i.e using the same fund collection app, shared directory). This was discussed but no definitive decision made.