

Friends of MRMS/HWRHS

Zoom meeting October 19th, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Bouchard, Lorraine Miller, Eric Tracy, Craig Hovey, Liz Lovell, Maribeth Ting, Julian Myers, Andrea Stewart, Amy DeSimone, Dalene LaPointe, Melissa Keys, Nicole Ireland, Nancy Waddell, Pam Stein, Michelle Gilpin, Erica Mitchell, Gracyn Robinson, Elizabeth Tangney, Jenn Carr, Heidi Schrock

Principal's Update: Craig Hovey – MRMS

- Craig thanked the Friends group for purchasing the Adirondack chairs for outdoor learning
- Dodge tree has also donated seat “logs” for outdoor learning
- The survey regarding remote learning models were sent out – 450 responses received – parent letter will be sent out in the next few days
- Survey regarding the hybrid model will be sent soon as well
- Craig and Liz are visiting Ipswich Middle School this week to observe and view their hybrid learning models and to review the learning on asynchronous days. A parent suggested a peer review moving forward.
- iPads are on order (7th and 8th grade). These will not be leased. The chrome books were borrowed and will need to be returned in the future
- Picture days: 12/1 for Cohort A and 12/3 for Cohort B
- Craig needs parent representatives for the MS school council – will meet every other month
- Clubs – there has been a request for limited clubs – more information will be coming forth when the clubs are approved
- Maribeth Ting spoke regarding the symptom tracker – parents need to complete the tracker on the days that their children are attending in-person classes. The responses have increased on a daily basis. Maribeth and the school are working on reminders to parents regarding Thanksgiving and holiday travel
- Pam Stein asked about paper directories for parents. Craig will discuss it further with Kristin Crockett and Lori Bouchard will follow up with Kristin off-line.

Principal Update: Eric Tracy - HWRHS

- Eric reminded the parents that there is no school on November 3rd and no school on November 11th
- There will be an early release for Thanksgiving, on November 25th
- The quarter ends on November 13th
- Superintendent Banios will be having a zoom coffee parent discussion tomorrow morning
- Picture day – 2nd week in December
- No Fall PSAT

- MCAS may be required in 2021 – mandated by the state – more information will be forthcoming

Slate for 2020-2021:

- Positions open include: 2- co-presidents, and 1 secretary

Hamilton Wenham Edfund Update – Andrea Stewart:

- Andrea joined the meeting to provide parents with information regarding the Edfund
- The Edfund typically grants between \$85,000 - \$90,000 to schools each year – examples are the Robotics Club, fingerprint technology for the Forensics class and much more, etc.
- Each year, approximately 3-5 grants requested by teachers, and often in collaboration with students, are approved.
- The Ed Fund granted \$50,000 to the schools in the spring 2020 to support remote-learning due to the pandemic
- There will be an appeal sent to households in late November/early December
- The annual Christmas Tree fundraiser was approved to take place for 2020

MS Fundraiser – Nancy Waddell:

- The middle school gift and wrapping fundraiser has started and will be running through November
- Nancy will be sending the links to Craig and Eric to post to social media
- Cohort B received the fundraising packet already
- Cohort A will receive the packet today
- The teacher listed should be the crew teacher
- Amy DeSimone has volunteered to put together a teacher basket for the crew class that sells the most
- There will be Amazon gift cards to the top 4 student sellers

Budget Updates:

- Lori Bouchard encouraged the principals to ask the teachers if any additional supplies are needed from the Friends group.

Next Meeting: Via Zoom: November 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm – Craig and Eric will attend