

Friends of MRMS/HWRHS
September 9, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Lori Bouchard, Tricia Cooke, Stephanie Stein, Patti McCullough, Kim Meyer, Leslie Jorgensen, Sarah Parker, Julian Myers, Lorraine Miller, Melissa Keys, Amy Howell, Lori Johnson, Kristin Crockett, Ann Krantz, Erica Mitchell, Jill Romano, Mary Ellen Kain
Craig Hovey, Liz Lovell, Eric Tracy, Bryan Menegoni

Minutes: Tricia Cooke June minutes - approved

Principals' Reports - Eric Tracy, Craig Hovey, Bryan Menegoni, Liz Lovell

- *MRMS PICTURE DAY THIS FRIDAY, SEPT. 13TH
- *MRMS OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, Sept. 17 6:30-8:30 pm.
- *8th Grade DC Trip Parent Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 PM
- *HWRHS CURRICULUM NIGHT: SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
- *October 4th - 1st dance of the year in the HWRHS gym
- *Looking way ahead - Graduation is June 6th this year!
- *ALICE Parent Information Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25th 6:30-8:00.
- *Halloween Activities/Dance for 6th graders right after school Oct. 29th

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- *PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention & Support - working on this throughout the school year
- *The middle school is rolling out electronic forms rather than paper forms, which will make it easier for parents to easily update medical, contact, and emergency information, etc. in the future. All schools in the district will eventually use this format.
- * Staff additions: Heidi Simone (Special Education), Kaleigh Mangiarelli (Lang. Based Learning?), Kim Nguyen (S.S.), Carley Stauffer (Math), Erin Jones (Science); Sara Amancio moved from HS Spanish program to MS.
- *8th grade parents needed for 8th grade dance
- *Mr. Hovey is looking for an 8th grade parent liaison for the DC trip
- *The Multipurpose Room has had some new seating added, along the windows
- * 21 students from Spain are visiting the middle school for 3 days; Students from the Donglu School will hopefully visit again In January.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- *Part-time Mandarin teacher has been added, since the program now includes 11th grade
- *Staff changes: Eric Fengler moved from ms S.S. program to hs, Ms. MacArthur (English) and Mrs. Wheeler (Financial Literacy/DECA) will both be out until 2nd quarter.
- *NEASC accreditation process update - 4 people will be in the schools in October to interview students, parents, faculty
- *Eric would like us to find 2 parent reps for School Council
- *Freshmen elections 9/10/2019
- *MEFA - Sept. 26 - Guidance will send out info to parents
- CORE Trainings - the Houltts - work with H20 mentors for a day

DISTRICT NEWS

*The District now has a School Resource Officer, Kent Richards, who will be based at the high school, but visiting each school.

*September is Suicide Prevention Month

**The Tobacco Policy has been updated and, in conjunction with both the Wenham and Hamilton Boards of Health, the possession or use of tobacco products on school property or at school events will have new consequences - an educational component (cessation program) and the possibility of fines (\$100-300).

*The HWRSD will be holding its first **Wellness Fair** on Saturday, Oct. 5th 10am-1:00 pm at Miles River Middle School.

***The Hamilton-Wenham Friends of the Arts (FOTA) Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 7pm in the HWRHS Library.

Officers - voted and approved Tricia Cook as co-President, Leslie Jorgensen as Treasurer, Julian Myers and Lorraine Miller as co-Secretaries.

Treasurer's Report - Jill Romano. Approved June-Aug. 2019 budget. Discussed field holders, etc. for field trips and programs during the 2019-2020 school year.

Fundraising

Raffle - discussed starting it much earlier this year. It should make as much as A Night at The Races made every two years.

Wrapping paper fundraiser - company has changed names again. Need someone to lead it.

Next meeting: MONDAY, OCT. 7th. Principal Craig Hovey from the middle school and our Interim Superintendent, Julie Kukenberger, Ed.D. will attend.