

Marlboro Memorial Middle School General PTA Meeting

Meeting Minutes from Thursday, January 9, 2020

Call to Order

President Debra Rager called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

President's Report

Debra Rager,

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting. December meeting minutes were approved.
- Concession Stands will be set up at the school concerts January 16th & 29th. Also, at the stands we will be selling Puravida bracelets. If you cannot make it to the night concerts or shows you can stop in the office during the school day to purchase.

Continuing Business

- Visit our PTA website for the latest updates: <http://mmspta.weebly.com>
- PTA Membership: membership is ongoing and can be done online at <https://marlboromemorialpta.memberhub.store> Chairperson: Amy Jacobs
- Box Tops: A chairperson is still needed. Parents were reminded that they may send box tops with students or drop off in the bin.
- Recycling: Still in need of a chairperson. We continue to recycle ink cartridges drop off bin in front lobby.
- Car Magnets: Available for \$5.00. Chairperson Sandra Lalli
- Rt 9 Shopper Card: Available for \$20. Each Chairperson Sandra Lalli
- Beautification: Thank you to Stacey Tobin, chairperson for the lovely displays outside of the school entrance.

Administration's Report

Mr. Pacifico, Principal

- Happy New Year!
- The school participating in a traveling art exhibit we get a topic for a week, current exhibit is on Renaissance, their will be exhibits on Civil War, African American History, Ancient Egypt just to name a few.
- We did great in the Hunger Drive and two of our students won the essay contest and poster contest.

Student Services

- January's Pillar of Character is Responsibility. Please visit our school webpage and view our slides presentation on this month's pillar. It includes information on why it is important to be responsible, and how to go about becoming a more responsible person. This can also be used as a great conversation starter between you and your child(ren).
- Student Change Hunger Challenge update: MMMS is a division winner this year!!! Two of our students have also been selected as winners of the food bank's annual essay and plaque art contests. Thank you to our PTA for generously supporting our Hunger Challenge initiatives. Together we achieve this year's goal of taking a "slice out of hunger!"

Grade News:

6th Grade

- Mrs. Negron-Santana continues to conduct meet and greets during the month of January. She meets with all sixth graders in small groups to see how they are adjusting to middle school and provide them an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns.
- Conflict Mangers completed their second outreach during Social Studies class in December. The outreach was titled "Understanding Conflict". The objective of this outreach was for the 6th graders to learn different conflict strategies to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each style.

7th Grade

- Peer to Peer visited all 7th grade classrooms last month to conduct their first outreach entitled "Telling It Like It Is" They introduced the concept of healthy decision making and sharing important information on the five gateway drugs: alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, OTC/prescription drugs and tobacco/e-cigs. Their next outreach "Don't be druggy" will allow students to further explore the negative health effects of these gateway drugs.
- SAVE THE DATE for Peer to Peer's 7th grade Family Night! 7th Grade students and their parents are welcome to join us on the evening of Thursday, May 28th at 7PM for an entertaining and information program that centers around parent-child communication.

Looking Ahead

February Pillar of Character is Kindness. Stay tune for information regarding our #ChooseKind initiative.

Thank you letters from

- Mrs. LoRusso's homeroom class for the Ice Cream and Cookie party they won the Hunger Home Room Challenge.
- Mrs. Tadio for the Holiday GC

Treasurer's Report

- Yankee Candle Sale fundraiser was just completed we raised \$900.

Adjournment: There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

Submitted by,

Kristen Sussman, Secretary, MMMS PTA