

Marlboro Memorial Middle School General PTA Meeting

Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, October 10, 2019

Call to Order

President Debra Rager called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

President's Report

Debra Rager,

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting and voted to approve the minutes from the September 2019 meeting.

New Business

- The Fall Book Fair set up will be on Monday, October 15th, shopping days will be Tuesday, October 16th through Thursday, October 18th. Thank you to our chairs Stacy Tobin and Deb Rager. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/fKbbRqd>
- Reb Ribbon week will be starting at the end of the month.
- Students Change Hunger food drive started on October 1st. All donations are greatly appreciated.
- The Clothing Drive will take place on Saturday, November 3rd, a sign up will be coming out shortly.
- The Gift Card Sale with Scripps Fundraising will begin at the end of the month. Flyers will be emailed with all the information. The Gift Card Sale will run all year long, it does not have an end date.
- The PTA is collecting supermarket and store gift cards for MMMS families for the holidays from now till November 15th.
- Concession Sales: Sign up will be starting as of October 12th. Look for that email.

Continuing Business

- Membership is needed: Amy Jacobs, Chairperson shared that we have 107 parent members signed up to date and 70 staff members. We are usually around 300 members by the end of October.
- Visit our PTA website <http://mmmspta.weebly.com> for the latest updates. Amy Jacobs has been updating our website with the calendar, flyers and emails that have gone out.
- Apparel Sale is ongoing. We are looking to get a new code to receive \$10.00 off. If we get one, we will email that out.
- Box Tops and Recycling is ongoing. Please drop off at the front desk by the kiosk.
- Car Magnets & Discount Value Cards are still available the Chairperson is Deb Rager.
- Beautification: chairperson Sharee Salvatore (not present) and Stacy Tobin will be doing the decorating. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Pacifico, Principal

- Thanked everyone for the staff breakfast last week, It was greatly appreciated.
- Pointed out the new addition to the Media Center that was recently installed. A big screen, two speakers and a projector. PTA is welcome to use it if there is ever a need to show a video.
- Clubs began last week. We had a big turnout for all the different clubs and sports running after school. For the most part clubs are still open for students to join.
- At the Board meeting this Tuesday some of our students will be presenting their project on 20% Time that they worked on last year in Mrs. DiDonato 's class. Their project is based off of Google's 20% Time. The video can be viewed on line, the district website will have a link to the board meeting.

Mrs. Coulter, 6th Grade Counselor

- We had our Week of Respect the first week of October and we began our Caught Being Kind campaign.
- We started our Make a Difference poster/song/skit or anything you want to do to be creative contest. We made morning announcements and had Peer leaders visit the homerooms to announce that.

- Next week is Violence Awareness Week. We will make morning announcements and have the Peer Leaders go back into the homerooms to announce that. In conjunction with that the Conflict Managers will do a presentation in the 6th grade. This year's theme is a lightning bolt (use your power to make a difference in each other's lives). All the students will get a lightning bolt to write on and decorate, they will be hung on the walls throughout the school.
- The Conflict Managers are getting ready to do our first out reach. Both groups have had peer leader retreats where we spent the day together learning and team building.
- Builder's Club does not have a fund raiser yet, but Dr. Baskind has started off the food challenge.
- Thanked the PTA for their continued support.

THIS MONTH IN STUDENT SERVICES

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UPCOMING SCHOOL-WIDE EVENTS:

NJ School Violence Awareness Week **10/15 - 10/19**

It is an opportunity for us to continue to strengthen our sense of community and to recognize the importance of making positive choices and staying safe. Look for Dr. Baskind's email later this week for more information about the activities we have planned.

Red Ribbon Week **10/23 - 10/31**

This drug prevention initiative is an opportunity for Peer to Peer and R.A.D. club to spread awareness about the importance of staying drug-free (including vape – free).

Student Change Hunger Challenge **10/1 - 12/10**

We're coming together once again as a Memorial family to make a positive difference by participating in the 2018 Students Change Hunger Challenge. Through various initiatives, we hope to motivate our school community to contribute toward this very special food drive. Thank you in advance for your donations and support of this wonderful program!

****Thank you to our PTA for your generous and unwavering support of our programs, and for all of the wonderful prizes/incentives you are providing to help us reinforce these positive messages!!**

Eighth Grade News:

FRHSD Magnet Programs: Online application opened on Monday, October 1st. Parents/Guardians , please assist your child with this very important application. The deadline for the application is November 12, 2019.

MCVSD online application can be completed after attending an open house. The application deadline is December 7, 2019.

Open Houses are underway for FRHSD Magnet Programs and MCVSD Careers Academies. Please attend to receive more information The Career Academies open houses are mandatory if you plan on applying.

Eight Grade Parents please reach out to Mrs. Negron-Santana if you have any questions or concerns regarding high school or eighth grade in general.

6th Grade:

The 8th grade Conflict Managers will be conducting their first outreach to the 6th grade students at the end of this month. The theme of the outreach is “promoting tolerance.”

Counselor Meet and Greets have started this week and will continue throughout the first semester. Mrs. McDonald is excited to meet all of the 6th grade students through this process and hear about their experience in 6th grade!

Debra Rager - In Closing

- The PTA fundraising is very important because we give back to the school.
- Our membership is down by half.
- Our candy and magazine sale is also down, so we extended the deadline.
- **Important dates that are coming up:**
 - October 19th** - Alliance sixth grade teen dance at the Rec Center from 7-9pm.
 - October 30th**- Basketball Assembly during 8th period. That is a prize given to the students who purchase two or more items from our candy and magazine sale.
 - November 2nd**- Student Council School Spirit Night.
 - November 3rd** –Fall clothing drive. The clothing drive is another one of our big fund raisers. Donations can be dropped off at the school from 8-12pm. They do not accept large toys or books.
- There will be no school on November 8th and 9th for Teacher Convention.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are from November 12th through November 15th.
- Our next meeting is on November 14th at 9:30am in the Media Center.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Jacobs

- Presented the status report and asked if there were any questions or concerns.

A discussion was had in regards to educating parents and children about the dangers of vaping.

Adjournment: There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00am

Submitted by,

Kristen Swaman, Co-Secretary, MMMS PTA