



March 2, 2021
MMSA Meeting

Kelly Robidas – President

Christina Day - Secretary

Shannon Sion - Treasurer

MMSA Zoom Meeting Minutes From 3/2/2021 at 7:15pm

Board member present: Kelly Robidas, Christina Day, Shannon Sion

Staff member present: Candace Morell - Principal

Others present (as indicated by Zoom login): Jon Sgyro, Jennifer Mott, Missy Bancroft, Amy Lapsis, June Burns Seeley

- 1. Call to Order: 7:15 PM by Kelly Robidas**
 - a. Welcome & Introductions.
- 2. Minutes**
 - a. Review February 2021 meeting minutes – available at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/mmsa>
- 3. Treasurer's report**
 - a. No additional ins and out from last meeting
 - b. \$60 check from Blaze Pizza fundraiser
 - c. School photo check has not arrived yet. Candace to inquire.
- 4. Principal's report**
 - a. History Day presentations were virtual this year. March 8th awards will take place at 10:00am
 - i. 26 Participants in grades 6-8
 - ii. Ran as an extracurricular activity this year
 - iii. Presentations were submitted and reviewed
 - iv. Students demonstrated excellent task commitment
 - b. Spring sports will be happening (7th & 8th grade) Softball, baseball, and track & field and possible intermural session of soccer (late spring May/June)
 - c. Student council is back up and running. Started virtual and now starting to meet in person. Organized a specific spirit week with lots of participations.
 - i. Community Kahoot designed by student council was a lot of fun- Thank you to the grade 7 students who created this Kahoot.
 - d. Library Media Center: "Goodbye winter – Spring into new ideas"
 - i. March 7th 5:30-7:00 pm for remote learning families
 - ii. During School for in person learners
 - iii. All students will participate in a scavenger hunt and receive a book

- e. March calendar as a reminder Wednesday will continue to be early dismissal.
 - f. **Friday, March 5th will be half day due to vaccinations for teachers.**
 - g. Recharge day – March 10th Focus: Broaden students' understanding of wellness and introduce them to hobbies, interests, daily practices and habits that promote well-being.
 - i. Audience: Grade 7 & 8 remote/distance learners on Wednesday
 - h. After school activities starting April 5th (virtual and in person) Late buses beginning March 22nd.
 - i. Outdoor learning – 5th grade opportunities to be critical thinkers, creative, and artistic. Focus on tree identification in winter, native birds, and invasive plant species.
 - j. 7th graders are back 4.5 days a week and hopeful to bring back 8th graders.
5. **Old Business**
- a. Have email that \$130 deposit coming back from Yard Goat's is on its way.
6. **New Business**
- a. Spring Fundraiser – Flower Power brochures will be available March 22nd with a return by April 16th. Participation available online as well. Orders ship May 1st.
 - b. Teacher appreciation week May 3rd – May 7th
 - i. Can provide large quantity of breakfast items.
 - ii. Looking to put up something for appreciation for teachers, either photos or words of encouragement.
7. **Open Discussion**
- a. German exchange is looking to happen next year but would likely happen in Spring 2022.
 - b. To have a student switch from car to bus you can notify the school to notify the bus system, but students are never removed from pickup.
 - c. 8th grade graduation – by mid-March Gov. Lamont will allow gatherings up to 200 people which means for 8th graders we can offer a kind of class night which would be outside. Looking at what kind of ceremony we will hold because it cannot be inside but looking at what we can do.
 - d. Yearbook order form was included with report cards and a school messenger email will be sent out. Deadline is April 16th.
8. **Adjournment**
- a. Meeting adjourned 8:05pm
 - b. Next MMSA meeting will be May 4th, 2021 at 7:15PM