

MMSA Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2020 at 7PM

Board Members Present: Kelly Robidas, Shannon Sion

Staff Members Present: Larry Barlow (Vice Principal)

Others Present: June Burns-Seeley, Madison Day, Amy Lapsis, Jennifer Mott, Jon Sgro

Call to Order: Kelly Robidas called to order at 7:05PM

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes: February 2020 MMSA meeting minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Review of budget last updated March 3, 2020 by Shannon Sion.

Principal's Report:

- **History Day** was held Saturday, February 29th at UCONN. Nineteen MMS students were specially recognized for their work and will advance to the State Contest on 5/2.
- **Science Quiz Bowl** was held Saturday, February 29th at UCONN. MMS won this event in 2019. We had two teams of five compete, with seven 30-minute matches in the morning round robin followed by the single elimination bracket in the afternoon. Returning Champion Team Mansfield A Team did their best to bring home the trophy again this year, but fell in the finals to rival East Lyme Middle School.
- **MMS Talent Show** will be held March 4th in the auditorium from 3-5 PM where 17 acts, who auditioned, will have an opportunity to perform their talent.

Dates to remember:

3/4 (Wed) Country Fiddle String Band will travel to the Senior Center during X-block

3/6 & 3/7 (Fri-Sat) Eastern Region Music Festival at Enfield High School

3/25 (Wed) Grade 8 "Fly Up" to EO Smith

4/6 (Mon) Grade 7 Boston Science Center Trip

4/7 (Tues) Orchestra - Gideon Freudmann coming to work with orchestra on two commissioned pieces. The orchestra will play the world premiere of one of the pieces.

5/6 (Wed) Spring band concert

5/13 (Wed) Spring choral concert

6/1 (Mon) Grade 4 "Fly Up" to MMS

Old Business:

- **Box Tops competition:** Dunnack's grade 5 homeroom submitted the most Box Tops. She is requesting that we come up with other options than "slime" to be poured on her at Field Day. Discussion was had as to a soap based slime that is easy to wash out, a pie in the face, or water balloons thrown at her by her students. Kelly Robidas will email Dunnack the suggestions.
- **Blaze Pizza** check from 1/16/2020 Dine Out event expected to be \$101 per restaurant.
- Dine Out event at **Mooyah** will be March 4th from 4-9PM. Flyers were passed out in homerooms, posted on Facebook page, and sent via email from MMS.

New Business:

- **"Mother's Day" plant sale fundraiser** to be chaired by Shannon Sion. Delivery expected at MMS on Thursday, May 7th around noon. Volunteers will be needed to assist with drop off and pick up.
- **Hartford Yard Goats:** those in attendance agreed to purchase group tickets for the Saturday, April 25th game at 6:10PM. Group pricing is \$8 and we will sell each ticket for \$10. Kelly Robidas to see how many tickets are available and ask if the seats are covered.

Open Discussion:

- Shannon Sion mentioned a community gathering on Tuesday, March 17th co-sponsored by COR Mansfield entitled "How to Talk About Race". The event will be held from 6:30-8:00PM at the Mansfield Public Library in the Buchanan Auditorium. There is also a Mansfield Youth Services co-sponsored suicide prevention event being held on Tuesday, April 7th at the Mansfield Public Library and one on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30PM at E.O. Smith High School. Also, on Saturday, April 25 from 10am-2pm there will be a "DEA National RX (Prescription) Take Back" event held at Mansfield Town Hall. More information is available at <https://CORMansfield.org>
- Questions were raised as to Coronavirus and flu prevention.
- June 15th is E.O. Smith graduation. MMS will dismiss early on June 22nd. 8th grade graduation is usually the night or two before our last day of school. A final date to come.
- New roof needed at MMS. Mansfield Town Council is seeking one additional volunteer to join their Roof Planning Committee. Town of Mansfield owns MMS and due to the potential expense of replacement a town vote is needed. Hopeful to get on the November ballot with an approval and then an installation in summer 2021.

The next MMSA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 6PM in Room 99. This is one hour earlier than normal due to a town meeting being held in the auditorium at 7PM.

Adjournment: Kelly Robidas adjourned the meeting at 8:04PM. Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Robidas (President, MMSA)