



Mansfield Middle School Association
April 14, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:37. The meeting was short due to the presentation on children and the internet which followed.

Members present: John Boiano, Barbara Casey, Kimberly Clark, Jeff Cryan, Mary de Vecchis, Ken Grunwald, Sheryl Lambert, Ayaz Madraswalla, Lynne McPhee, Candace Morell, Margaret Morrison, Shamim Pawa, Jeannette Picard, Kathleen Romeo, Lynn Veal, Anne Wiant-Rudd

Reports

President: Sheryl Lambert noted that election of officers will take place at our next meeting, pres, VP and treas. open.

Secretary: Members reviewed the minutes from our February meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and they were accepted unanimously. Minutes will be posted on the MMS website.

Reports

Treasurer: Sheryl Lambert gave the following report for Lynne McPhee. Lisa Drzewicki was unable to attend:

Three grants for teachers have been approved and there will be funds available to carry over or next year. The MMSA now has a balance of \$7,117 before expenses for the eighth grade closing activities. A request was presented from the sixth grade team to fund \$300 to defray costs for the "Getting to Know You" potluck held at the beginning of school each year. Jeff Cryan noted that this is one of the three best-attended grade level events. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to grant \$300 to the sixth grade team to defray potluck expenses.

Faculty Representative: Wayne Trembly was not able to attend, submitted a report noting that History Day was a success. Thanks went out to Laura Smith, Sheryl Lambert and all others who helped to organize and staff the event. A number of MMS students will be going on to the state competition on May 9th. Winners at various levels were in a number of junior categories including historical papers, group exhibits, group documentaries, group performances, and websites. Wayne has mailed all receipts for reimbursement to Ben Gammell at Connecticut History Day.

Administrative Report: Jeff Cryan reported on a number of activities going on within the school:

Heating Project – The heating project is slated to begin on April 15th. As part of this stage, all ceiling tiles will be removed. Major components of the project include ventilation (which will provide for quieter classrooms), a forced hot water loop system, a gas line to come down Davis Rd connecting to line at S. Eagleville Rd., and a boiler building. Parking will be an issue during construction as 25 spots will be lost behind the building while work is completed.

Robotics Team – The MMS team did well at the state competition. The group was one of only two middle school teams competing with 21 high schools. One MMS team came in first for their competition.

Boys' Basketball – The boys' team earned the regional award for sportsmanship

Grade 8 – Parents have received information regarding end-of-year activities

Concerts – Concerts will be held each Wednesday in May, with additional performances at the Memorial Day parade and the Great East Adjudication Festival.

Other Business

I-Parent Network – Barbara Casey spoke about the I-Parent network. This was begun about two years ago when a group of parents recognized a shared interest in keeping kids safe, especially with the large geographical area covered by Region #19 in Ashford, Mansfield, and Willington. The network's goal is that "as a village, we raise our kids to be safer." The tools available through the network include social networking, blogs, groups for topics of interest, wiki, and helpful videos to explain terms. The network is set to be launched in September and parents are encouraged to visit the site in order to gain a greater understanding of technology and connect with other parents.

Announcements – the Mansfield Budget meeting will be held on May 12th at MMS.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Picard, Secretary
(pending approval at our next meeting)