

MOPSC Meeting - November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:00 – 7:00pm

Welcome - Marlaine Cox

- Introduction of those present

Fall Fun Fest Report – Sarah Beggs

- Community event – fundraised approximately \$4,800 gross minus cost
- Volunteers are needed to help organize. 80-100 volunteers needed.
- Request for parental involvement for future years
- Question for Parent Council- How can we get others involved?
  - Recruit parents of older students
  - Parents and their younger student can volunteer as a team
  - Previous years included Y volunteers, U of MN volunteers, Target

**Action Item: encourage other parents to get involved in Fall Fun Fest and volunteer**

Magazine Sale Update - Melanie Townsend

- 70 students participated in action arena
- Under 20% participation, which is an increase from last year
- Fundraising results - \$9,122 was received
- Magazines can be ordered all year for Marcy to receive 45% of the profits

Approval of last meeting's minutes - Terri Warren

- Minutes Reviewed and Approved

Understanding MPS Class Size Policy and Procedures - Garrett Petrie (slides can be shared)

- Question: why are we discussing this issue?
- Marcy does not fit into the demographic of “high priority”
- Donna clarified that a group of parents are interested in class size and concerns have been voiced regarding class size and relative space
- Donna side: space and money is an issue. Some schools can buy down class sizes.

- Marcy chose not to move to Sheridan.
- Can we accumulate data to identify if class size is a problem at our school?

Possible Data items:

- Square footage per student at Marcy in contrast to other schools

Concerns:

- Raising the idea of class size and physical space will bring back the idea of moving to Sheridan.

Questions:

- What is the allowed square footage per student?
- When is a school considered “full”?

Other factors:

- Marcy is a Magnet School and therefore has a wider boundary
- Taking Sheridan (K-8) away put more pressure on Marcy

**Action Item: Parent Group to form to discuss class size and related issues with Donna**

Donna’s Principal Report

- Introduced Jenny from GEAR UP. Marcy is now eligible for GEAR UPs services based on our percentage of free and reduced lunch. It is a grant that is a federally funded that works with middle school students.
- Marcy received new Chrome books for the middle school.
- We will receive a school counselor to work with 7-8th grade students and follow the students through high school.
- We will have a site coordinator that will organize college visits, mentoring with college students, tutoring, and enrichment classes.
- If we reapply for the grant the current 4th and 5th graders will be able to benefit from a future grant.

Other items from Donna:

- Marcy received 5 new iPad carts (thanks to Val for locating them at another school)
- The idea was brought up about a Buddy Bench. It would allow for students without a buddy to play with to sit and find a new friend.
- Recommended discussion with park board or Marcy-Holmes community about possibly redoing Holmes Park to better fit our school's needs.

Break Out Sessions:

- What is an Open School
- What would you like to know about Open School?
- Foundations of Open School at Marcy

Information to be looked prior to next meeting where it will be discussed.

MOPSC Minutes submitted respectfully by Stacy Cosgrove, Kindergarten Teacher

Marcy Parent Council Meeting  
7:05 – 7:30pm

1. Special request for Science Trip - \$400.00 to cover unexpected increase in transportation cost for middle school field trip
  - Middle school students took trip canoeing on the river, including DNR participation and discussing history at the Fort.

**Motion made to fund \$400.00 to cover transportation cost for middle school field trip**

**Motion seconded**

**No discussion**

**Motion to fund special request carried**

2. Parents remained to prepare the Marcy Parent Council Annual Fund mailing for distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Next meeting scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Marcy Parent Council Minutes submitted respectfully by Terri Warren, Parent Council Secretary