

MOPSC Meeting-Site Council
October 1, 2015

Welcome: Jean

Introduction of those present: Donna – See Sign In Sheet

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Side from Donna on Principal Meeting: District needs us to have a Site Council and we need to have a Parent Council – we may need to change our name and possible have two different meetings.

Dress Code Policy

Jen O'Brien presented "An Opportunity for Clarity on Marcy's Dress Code" – See attachment

Handout of Middle Schools past and current Dress Code policy

There have been conversations about having a minimal dress code for K-4 and something more specific for 5-8 students. The two teams need sometime to flush out a new plan.

It might be easier to just have one policy for all of Marcy.

Dress code issues should not result in lost educational time or punishment. This should be a conversation between the staff and families or with staff and students privately.

Rules do help us have order and safety in our school

Families need to buy into this and support the school but in order to do this they need to know when their students are in violation.

If anyone is interested in being on a task force to look at the dress policy please sign up.

Parent requested that students also be on this task force

Middle School Curriculum – Emily Sidorfsky

- Feels that this 8th grade class has had a rough time at Marcy from the start of 5th grade
- Concerns about curriculum, expectations, and staff turn-over
- Changes in schedules and structure
- Lack of extra curricular activities and Rock Band and Orchestra
- Donna has reassured her that many of things that are missing are coming back

- Many scheduling things are out of our control due to the continual growth of our student population
- Can we create more stability from year to year
- More accelerated pace for all students
- Our kids can all do this and they deserve to have the opportunities
- Students struggle with writing
- We need a long range plan for our music program – less year to year changes more stability for students and families

Music Department Special Funding Request from Andrew Tralle – For the last five year every music lesson and rehearsals has taken place on folding chair. Would like to get chairs that are designed for musicians and music lessons. They are from Winger and would promote proper posture. Andrew would like 50 chairs and needs \$4356 for these chairs. Andrew has raised over \$10,000 for musical instruments for Marcy. MAP would match the amount that \$2178 if Parent Council gives that much.

Principal’s Report – There is a survey online from the District on the next three academic school years. Do you want to start school before or after Labor Day? Would you be willing to give up part of the Winter Break to end the school year earlier?

Eve will put a link on the website and it needs to be completed by October 22, 2015

Marcy Parent Council Meeting

7:00 – 7:30pm

1) Proposed 2015-16 budget was presented by Treasurer Alix Herzing.

Items of note include:

- Portion of plant sale expenses came in after the close of last fiscal year.
- Peace necklace sale projected at a loss the first year based on previous experience with this fundraiser, projected to take more than one year to make back the cost
- Classroom funds budget remains similar to last year.
- Special request budget increased over last year Portion of unspent dollars from prior fiscal year included in the budget this year to be available if necessary

Budget Discussion:

1. Request to propose line item for student events – dances, the wraps, student council, friendship groups, games for students.

2. Emails from Donna about the student council coordinator indicate it will be happening
 3. Get the student council organized so they can focus on what they want/need.
- Motion made to approve budget. Motion seconded. No further discussion. Motion to approve the 2015-16 Marcy Parent Council budget carries

2) Special request for band - \$2178.00 to cover 50% of band chair replacement cost. Motion made to fund \$2178.00 to cover portion of band chair request. Motion seconded. Discussion: Marcy Arts Partnership may match the request to fund chairs, this is unconfirmed. Motion to fund special request carries.

- General Reminder to Parents regarding Fundraising if your company does United Way, you are able to designate it to Marcy Parent Council.
- Amazon Smile also allows you to designate a percentage of purchase to Marcy Parent Council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next meeting scheduled for November 5th, 2015 from 6:00 – 7:30pm.
Minutes submitted respectfully by Terri Warren, Parent Council Secretary