

MOPSC Meeting 9-3-15

Minutes submitted respectfully by Jean Dudley, Staff co-chair

Introductions

Overview 2014-15

Three main parts of the MOPSC committee

Marcy Path to Peace and Terry Labyrinth Project , Parent Council, Marcy Arts Partnership (MAP)

The objective and goals of the bylaws were featured and Abby suggests that interested people should look on the website to read them in their entirety.

Objects and Goals

Marcy Fundraisers-Fall Fun Fest; Book Sale (Fall and Spring); Annual Appeal Letter; MAP Gala; Plant Sale; Magazine Sale; Give to the Max Day, Chinook Book, Marcy Peace Labyrinth. A representative from each group spoke to explain the type of event and asked for new recruits to help/volunteer.

What Does the Parent Council fund? Special requests for teachers, field trips, teacher appreciation, classroom funds, academic programming supplements and much more!

Bus Updates – from transportation – Elizabeth Hawley - Some issues being resolved working closely with the district to address issues. There are concerns with GPS system. Elizabeth suggests that the parent council/MOPSC compose letter to district to address concerns with GPS system. Holly suggests that parents contact school district transportation via email or bus incident report. Currently, parents are waiting on hold at the district transportation for very long periods. Parents raised concerns about the interactions of sub contracted bus drivers with students. The concern was around the kindness and patience of the drivers with students. Maria asked that parents report accounts of the driver's behavior towards students be reported to the administration.

Principal Donna Report

Many new staff and all are very positive and experienced! Responsive Classroom expectations and procedures are implemented at all grade levels. Kindergarten had an extremely smooth start. Test scores (MCA) slight increase in science. Reading had a slight increase with Math scores a slight decrease was recorded.

Middle school sports have changed. 7/8 will play sports at the high school level. Grade 6 will have a sports, but at a more developmental level instead of competitive. Parent asked if there is anything that can be done to register complaints with the school district around this topic. Donna said that it was discussed at the board meeting. Donna also stated that parents should complain to district officials via email(Dave Wicker/Trent Tucker). It was also suggested that

our MOPSC committee could invite them to our meeting to explain the rationale for changing the system that was in place for middle school sports.

Fourth grade band will take place during the ALC time after school. Donna explained why the changes. The main reason is that Andrew must teach some classes in addition to teaching band.

5/6 classes went from 50 to 70 minute class periods? Beth E. addressed why the time change. In an effort to even out the numbers of students between the grade 5 and 6 groups, period length was increased. The enrichment time is project based activities and classes such as newspaper. The team is exploring the possibility of student choice or combining the two grades for enrichment.

Staff was excused from MOPSC meeting to allow for Parent Council meeting.

Marcy Parent Council Meeting

7:00 – 7:30pm

Minutes submitted respectfully by Terri Warren, Parent Council Secretary

Breakout Sessions

Parents broke out into small groups at each table to brainstorm topics for Parent Council Meetings this year.

Ideas were as follows:

Focus on curriculum: find out what's happening in other areas of curriculum

Volunteerism: social justice, what resources are out there for parents and kids?

Presentation on adolescent development for parents and teachers: adolescent health, brain development, how to support your children, why they act the way they do.

Learning about open school

Administration 101: who does which jobs at Marcy and at the school board? What are the roles, who makes what decisions, who has accountability, timing of information sharing

Music: what is offered at each grade, MAP and Marcy offerings. When does band start – have music teachers come in and speak about benefits of it

MAP funding – learn more about how MAP funds are allocated, ask about support for staffing (i.e., .2 for vocal teacher).

Dress code: address potential body shaming issues that may arise from dress code, request a group of parents and students talk about the dress code and revisit it. Collaboration about the dress code – creating a policy, clearly communicating, clearly spelling out expectations, implementing the policy fairly.

Special Request:

Request for funding from Andrew

Existing chairs in band are folding chairs, terrible for having a healthy posture during band.

There are 500 students in band and centers.

Request to replace band chairs.

Option 1: until end of September \$69/apiece - \$4356.00 (vendor?)

Option 2: Wenger chairs 50 chairs and carts \$61/chair \$3944.

MAP is willing to cover half the cost if PC can cover the other half.

Discussion:

Q&A about what has historically been covered under Special Requests.

A parent is on the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Association to inquire if there are dollars to allocate for this type of request.

Decision:

Budget isn't finalized – need to table until budget is finalized.

Ask Andrew if he could get a 1-2 week extension on his price quote until the next PC meeting on 10/1.

Request for approximately \$2200.

Parent Council to vote at the 10/1 meeting.