

*Mansfield Middle School Association*  
*September 2, 2014 Minutes*

In Attendance: Marie Hodrinsky, Jean Johnson, Lisa Drzewiecki, Erika Blanchette, Patty Braithwaite, Melissa Belden, Celine Demers-Schiffler, Sara Anderson, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Suzanne Kelly, Shannon Sion, Jen Caneira, Sarah Delia, Margharite Bolsem, Korina Moss, Ana Lena Fidentsey, Melissa Champagne, Candace Morell, Larry Barlow

1. **Call to Order:**

Marie H called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. **Special Guest Speaker(s):**

No guest speakers

3. **Approval of the minutes:**

Jean J. motioned to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting. Melissa B. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

4. **Officers Reports:**

**President, Marie Hodrinsky:**

Started the meeting by asking parents what they would like to see from the MMSA this year. Jean J. mentioned changing the candle company to Cringle.

**Vice-President, Jean Johnson:**

Nothing to report

**Treasurer, Lisa Drzewiecki:**

Budget (see attached)

Balance = \$11,848, Lisa D. commented that we might not need to raise as much money this year or could put more money towards grants, brief discussion followed.

Lisa D. sent a letter through Laurie out to the staff for grant requests. Grant requests will be voted on at our November meeting. If anyone is interested in being on the grant committee please email Lisa D.

**Secretary, Erika Blanchette, Patty Braithwaite:**

Erika B. is sending thank you notes to families who made donations last year. Marie H. suggest we give the donations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Discussion followed. Jean J. motioned we give the funds go to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class night fund. Melissa B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

Brief discussion about minutes and agendas and do they need to be posted on the town website. Patty B. will look into this.

Marie H. requested that a draft copy of the minutes be available on the schools website not more than 1 week after the meeting. MMSA board will determine who will be the contact person with Jamie Russell.

5. **Administrators Report:**

Late buses will begin next week, Monday through Thursday. Reminder to parents that the buses don't always go door to door.

The after school brochure will go home at the end of this week.

Open House is September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. Marie H. will speak on behalf of

the MSA. There will be a bank of computers for parents to set up their parent portal accounts and take the parent school climate survey.

20 German exchange students will be leaving on September 27<sup>th</sup> and returning October 18<sup>th</sup>

School photo day is September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Candace M. reported on new and retired staff members. Please see the next newsletter for a complete list

We have received 70-80 new chrome book computers

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 15 Chinese delegates will be coming to visit and talk about curriculum development in middle school

There will be a spring play this year and will possibly have a double cast to include more students

Summer camps that were held at the Middle School went very well this year, including the Achievement Camp, Robotics camp, computer programming club and online activities.

Larry Barlow gave a brief introduction about himself.

Marie H. Asked about child care at meetings, discussion followed about room location, baby sitters, price (\$25 for 1 meeting at Southeast) and should there be snacks. Marie H. will discuss this with the MMSA officers and make a decision

**6. Faculty Report:**

No report

**7. Old Business:**

No report

**8. New Business:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade potluck is this Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup>. All of the MMSA officers have a 6<sup>th</sup> grader so officers will take turns manning the table.

September 10<sup>th</sup> Open House - volunteers needed to man tables. Celine D., Marie H, Jean J. have volunteered so far. Briefly discussed membership drive, spirit wear and use of the sandwich board to display meeting information at the open house.

MMS education week where kids take parents to school is October 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>.

MMSA was present last year at sign in to greet parents and direct them where they needed to go.

Social Media - Erika B. received guidelines and will manage our Facebook page.

It is not for formal information only meeting dates, etc.

Newsletter - Discussed when the newsletter will be sent home. Will go home electronically with progress reports and a paper copy will go home with report cards.

**9. Fundraising:**

Melissa B. will be the box top coordinator again this year. Candace reported there may be funds available to pay students to help bundle the box tops. The first submission date is November 1<sup>st</sup>, the second is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussed holding another homeroom competition running from mid November to Mid December. Will continue discussion about prize at next meeting. Some ideas include a gift card to the East Brooke Mall, a gift card to the school store,

or a fun event with the principal.

We will hold a bake sale again this year at the Choral/Orchestra concert but will be moved into the cafeteria

Spirit Wear - May have a new company to buy spirit wear through this year, Marie H. will contact them and report back with information. Larry B. mentioned Custominc.com as another possibility. He's worked with them in the past and has had very good luck with them.

Citrus Fundraiser - Patty B. will be the coordinator. The sale will run through November with a delivery date in early December. More information at our next meeting.

**10. Other Business:**

MMSA closet - there is a work order in for the new shelf

Spirit Week will be February 9<sup>th</sup> - February 13<sup>th</sup>, with a pep rally on 2/13

**11. Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at around 8:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Patty Braithwaite and Erika Blanchette, Secretaries*