

*Mansfield Middle School Association
November 4, 2014 Minutes*

In Attendance: Marie Hodrinsky, Jean Johnson, Lisa Drzewiecki, Erika Blanchette, Patty Braithwaite, Melissa Belden, Celine Demers-Schiffler, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Shannon Sion, Sarah Delia, Bob Burrington, Ryle Zowadniak, Candace Morell, Larry Barlow

1. **Call to Order:**

Marie H called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

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

Ryle Z. spoke about the play that will take place this spring. There will be Q-notify messages sent out to advise families of important dates. More information coming soon!

3. **Approval of the minutes:**

Patty B. motioned to accept the minutes with one correction - the citrus fundraiser ended on October 27th, Esther S. 2nd the motion. Approved.

4. **Officers Reports:**

President, Marie Hodrinsky:

Nothing to report

Vise-President, Jean Johnson:

Nothing to report

Treasurer, Lisa Drzewiecki:

See grant discussion below.

Secretary, Erika Blanchette, Patty Braithwaite:

Nothing to report.

5. **Administrators Report:**

Upcoming November events:

November 5th, the 8th graders will visit the State Capital

November 7th 5th grade field trip to the West Hartford Science Center

November 12th and 13th 8th graders visit the Mark Twain House

November 14th Falloween Party

November 19th 8th grade will hold their Model Congress

November 26th, Career day for 7th and 8th grade

December 10th Band Concert

December 17th Orchestra and Choral Concert

Parents are welcome to come to the concert assembly during the day if they are unable to attend the evening concert. Visitors just need to sign in at the office.

Education week was successful.

Girls and boys soccer teams are both going to finals.

Report cards will be going home on Thursday.

Parent teacher conferences will be held Monday November 24th in the evening and Tuesday November 25th in the afternoon. There is a new system for parents who would like to sign up for parent teacher conferences. Parents can always set up conference times with teachers outside these dates.

Second quarter after school activities will begin soon.

The Couch to K road race was today.

The Boys Cross Country team placed 1st in the district this year.

Celine D. asked about teacher wish lists at the book fair, brief discussion followed.

Bob Burrington our Tech Ed teacher reported on two new machines that are now in use and discussed some of the new programs in his classroom.

6. Faculty Report:

No report

7. Old Business:

No report

8. New Business:

A grand-parent of an MMS student is interested in helping students who do not have access to computers and or the internet at home. Discussion followed. MMS works with families in this situation who ask for assistance. Recommended she contact Human Services and Youth Services.

9. Fundraising:

Citrus Fundraiser, the fruit will be delivered to MMS and volunteers from Vinton and southeast will bring their fruit from MMS to their schools.

The Yankee Candle fundraiser will be ending soon.

Marie H. and Jean J. will run the box top competition. The homeroom with the most box tops will have a chance to duct tape our Principal to the wall.

Jean J. will coordinate the bake sale during the Orchestra/Choral concert.

Kohls care will be helping with the bake sale. Doug Perkins may be interested in having them help with the January 17 robotics event.

10. Other Business:

Grants - see attached list

19 grants were submitted totaling about \$15,000. Discussion followed. Anik V. made a motion to increase our grant budget to \$10,038, second by Esther S.

Approved

A list of the grants that were funded is attached.

11. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at around 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Braithwaite and Erika Blanchette, Secretaries