



May 4th, 2021 MMSA Meeting

Kelly Robidas – President

Christina Day - Secretary

Shannon Sion - Treasurer

May 4th Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order 7:19 pm
 - Attending: Candace Morell, Larry Barlow, Kelly Robidas, Shannon Sion, Rajitha Udawalpola, Jennifer Zugarazo, Gina Brassaw, Jennifer Mott
- Minutes
 - Review March 2021 meeting minutes – available at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/mmsa>
- Treasurer’s report
 - Received funds for student photos, direct donations, and teacher Appreciation Week.
 - The Hartford Yard Goat baseball deposit from 2020 was refunded.
- Principal’s report
 - Start of spring sports and after school activities have been great!
 - Grade 8 End of Year news
 - Class Night – “Under the Stars” Friday, June 11th. Rain date Monday June 14th 6:30-8:30pm
 - Promotion ceremonies – Tuesday, June 15th. Rain date Wednesday, June 16th. Working through details of the events as planning for 2 events.
 - Technology Education
 - Grade 8 used Tynker to program autonomous drones to navigate courses. Students used their problem-solving skills.
 - Geocaching Kindness Rocks
 - Grade 7 Art gathered rocks and designed inspirational quotes, they were hidden and found with GPS devices.
 - Eventually Bob Burrington is going to have the students make a design out of the GPS navigation devices.
 - Over 1,800 geocaches in the town of Storrs.

- Grade 7 Project Based learning event.
 - Monday, May 10th 3:15-4:15pm and Tuesday, May 11th 630-730pm grade 7 will showcase their project work that raises awareness about important causes they identified.
- Cross Disciplinary learning experience about space
 - Former astronaut Mr. Terry Hart shared with 7th grade students about his experiences in space exploration.
- State History Day
 - Had 10 National Qualifiers!
 - Outstanding Entry in the Arts: Mary Lynch
 - 1st place Paper: Sophia Caniera
 - 2nd place, Group Exhibit: Simonne Thibeault, Amanda Zadnik, Sylvia Halbrooks
 - 2nd place, Individual Websites, Aram Adler-Smith
 - 1st place, Group website: Hiruni Witharana
 - 2nd place, Group Website: Amanda Schweitzer and Aileen Liu
 - 1st place, Group Website: Bailey Fuerst and Bronwyn Mott
 - Special prize for the best use of oral history: Bailey Fuerst and Bronwyn Mott
- Upcoming Dates
 - 5/27 Grade 4 Family Orientation
 - Staggering time between the Mansfield Elementary Schools
 - 6/1 Student Council “After School Party” 245-410pm
 - 6/17 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- MMSA Meetings for 2021-2022 Year
 - Meetings are typically the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Discussion was had as to changing days and times.
- Old Business
 - Flower Power fundraiser
 - Online & Paper catalog fundraiser
 - \$300 paper & \$326.50 online profit
 - They do have 100% guarantee for their product.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Staff is really feeling appreciated this year.

- Spirit Wear and Water Bottles
 - Last order for spirit wear this school year will be sent out by 5/6 to families.
- New Business
 - Candace & Larry will reach out if any support is needed for end of the year events.
 - MMSA Board Member election will occur during June 1st meeting .
- Open Discussion
 - School start day is September 2nd
 - Potential MMSA Meetings for next year may move to second Tuesday of the month
- Adjournment – 8:18 pm
 - Next meeting June 1st , 2021