



December 1, 2020
MMSA Meeting

Kelly Robidas – President

Christina Day - Secretary

Shannon Sion - Treasurer

MMSA Zoom Meeting Minutes From 12/1/2020 at 7:00pm

Board member present: Kelly Robidas, Christina Day, Shannon Sion

Staff member present: Candace Morell - Principal, Larry Barlow – Assistant Principal

Others present (as indicated by Zoom login): Jennifer Mott, June Burns Seeley, Amy Lapis

1. Call to Order: 7:03 PM by Kelly Robidas

- a. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes

- a. Review November 2020 meeting minutes – available at <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/mmsa>
- b. Approved by Amy Lapis and seconded by Kelly Robidas

3. Treasurer's report

- a. An increase of direct donations we are up to \$795 for the year.
- b. Restaurant fundraiser we have received our check from Farmer Cow \$94
- c. Spirit Wear we sold quite a few from stock roughly \$400. We had to order additional 12 items to get the necessary 18 items to place an order for Spirit Wear.
- d. No expenses and revenue increased roughly \$1000.00 this month.

4. Principal's report

- a. College & Career Readiness Day
 - i. Eileen Melody Counselor High School Opportunities created and shared a padlet to the 7th & 8th graders as this is a useful tool for families.
 - ii. Career Day – an infomercial for each zoom info session so students could select which zoom they wanted to visit, and each zoom was held by MMSA staff to help the presenter.
 - 1. Zoom platform increased our reach for presenters to visit MMSA.
- b. Wellness Wednesday will be coming to MMSA in the upcoming months via zoom.
- c. MPS Family Tech Support – site to help families and students with digital tools
 - i. Digital Tools <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/mmsa>

- d. Photo Retake Days
 - i. 12/14 Monday for Hybrid A and Remote
 - ii. 12/18 Friday for Hybrid B and Remote
- e. Virtual After School Activities – be on the lookout for a brochure from the office
- f. Mashantucket Pequot Virtual Visit – Tribal Elder presented virtually to 8th grade LCS classes in November. This was part of a grant awarded last year. Student showed their work to the elders and they were so impressed they are going to continue to extend the grant and funding for continued learning experiences for our students.
- g. Technology Reminders – Thank you to families for support with Chromebook as for the most they are being charged each night and brought them to school each day the student attends. Most grade level teams have been provided headphones...please bring those to.
- h. Grant Funding
 - i. Dr. Robinson put in the library return box which is a great upgrade for our school and library.
 - ii. GEOcaching – students are in art class painting kindness rocks where GEOcaching will be used in the trails behind the schools. They will use this information along with the drones MMSA funded to find these rocks and replace the rocks. As Principal Canace says this is Phase 1 for this grant.

5. New Business

- a. December “ShopWithScrip” gift card fundraiser
 - i. Families are already starting to participate with the fundraiser.
 - ii. The deadline for the bulk orders is due 12/4/2020 so the cards are delivered next week.

6. Open Discussion

- a. Questions about students signing on Chromebook as a guest.
- b. 5th grade coming back has had a smooth transition back.
- c. Hopefully will have communication by the end of the week on a possible date for 6th grade to come back full time.
- d. Question brought up about outdoor tents – school will need to check to make sure what an option would be is up to the code for CT with tents.
- e. Brought up family in our community who is in need
 - i. MMSA is happy to collaborate with the Elementary school for the family in need.
- f. PJ Day is approaching be on the lookout for communication coming. This is to raise funding for the CCMC.

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 7:58pm