

## Friends of MRMS/HWRHS

January 8, 2018

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Jenn Caufield, Tricia Cooke, Lori Johnson, Eric Tracy

**Review and Approve Minutes:** Tricia Cooke January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 –Approved

**Treasurers Report:** Jill Romano- Approved

- Budget in good shape- Sweatshirt and Genevieve's sales came in above budget Additional funds received from Ribbon sale as well
- Scholarship push needed for Spring Raffle Item needed as well as donations

**Principals Report:** Eric Tracy

- Midyear exams coming up
- Meeting with Freshman on Thursday to talk about how to prepare
- Mentora managing Freshman class more
- 16 Chinese students coming in two weeks (Sophomore and Juniors) 20 Students needed for them to shadow They are here for 1.5 weeks
- Semi-formal dance (run by older kids) 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February at Woodmans
- In review this week pre-exams
- Students getting back in school routine after holiday and snow days
- Vaping: Seems less obvious this year—Police did a presentation to teacher son vaping and drugs: Bill Phillips presentation addresses vaping to students; also addressed through health and wellness program which has added vaping to the curriculum
- Youth at Risk Survey presented to the School Committee indicates high amount of stress Survey sent to staff with suggestions (Hardest on upperclassman) in terms of flexibility of scheduling etc. Issue over 30 students out for more than 5 days for mental health issues
- RISE Program Transitional program for stress for students transitioning back into school;
- Professional Stress researchers to present to Juniors and Seniors on how to deal with stress
- College Process- 70% apply for early decision which also contributes to stress Working with teachers to help address this stress surrounding this process
- NEASC Accreditation process coming up in the next few years
- DECA in 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the school over 100 students going to local competition this weekend

Fundraising Update:

- DECA sold the ribbon we have had with great results
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip not covered

Communications:

- Vaping communication sent home
- Parents communications updates posted on facebook page and sent out through email

Friends Meetings: **Next Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 Craig Hovey**