

Friends of MRMS/HWRHS

Zoom meeting September 21st, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Bouchard, Lorraine Miller, Julian Myers, Mary Beth Banios, Craig Hovey, Eric Tracy, Liz Lovell, Amanda Pack, Lorrie Ann Manganaro, Jeannine Ryan, Jill Evers, Jerry Zullo, Nancy Waddell, Victoria Appel, Cameron M., Michele Gilpin, Pamela Milman-Stein

Supt. Mary Beth Banios

- Introduction

- Still on track for launching the hybrid model, beginning on Thurs., Oct 1st, with Cohort B.

- A parent advisory board will be established in the future

Question: Are there plans to hold a parent technology training workshop?

Definitely a possibility; we need to determine what parents would find most useful. Johanna Wilson might be able to offer a series of workshops like she did over the summer for teachers. We need to find a way of asking parents what they need – can possibly utilize the town library resources to help with parent workshops.

Feedback from some parents has been that the audio has not been working on zoom calls.

Principal's Update: Craig Hovey - MRMS

-The Tech dept is available to help with devices:

helpdesk@hwschools.net

-On Wed. 30th, ALL 6th graders, including full-remote, will come in and meet their H2O mentors. Students will be divided up into 4 one-hour blocks. More details coming out soon.

- Bathroom faucets have been upgraded in light of COVID, along with the purchase of new desks

- Remote learning schedules have changed – may change again during the hybrid model, depending on feedback and lessons learned

- There will be a MS virtual open house – Craig is looking for ideas

-There will be a tent out front for band and chorus, as well as classroom learning

-Students should be aware that windows and doors may be open and dress in layers

- A letter went out last week with steps for updating medical & emergency contact information in Aspen. This info is also on the MRMS homepage

- Request was made for an 8th grade parent committee – Lori Bouchard will work on that

-There will be no intramurals or after-school clubs. Students will be encouraged to get on the bus or get a ride home immediately after school and not hang out at school

Question: What will arrival look like? Students will head to different areas. Staff will be on hand to supervise and will stagger entrance to the building. During inclement weather, students will enter the multi-purpose room and the gym, remaining socially distant.

Question: Would it be possible to make a video for students to see before their return to the building, so they won't experience as much shock? Craig is working on a video for the return to school.

- Lockers will not be used

Principal Update: Eric Tracy - HWRHS

- Athletics began on Friday, September 18th
- There will be a tent put up in the front of the school for band/chorus and class learning
- The student council is working on a video for students returning to school
- Lunch can be eaten in the cafeteria or in the courtyard
- Student survey results are back and are being reviewed
- The eHall pass system will be in effect when students return to school and will be monitored
- No more than 100 kids will be moving within the building at one time
- Hallways will NOT be one way
- Lockers will not be used
- There will be a Freshman orientation and mentors will be on hand for the orientation

Slate for 2020-2021:

- Positions open include: 2- co-presidents, and 1 secretary – By-Laws will be shared to explain the duration and description of the positions

Budget Updates:

- The Friends are donating classroom boards to the Math teachers. Lori Bouchard encouraged all teachers and staff to email her if there is a need for supplies, etc.

Next Meeting: Via Zoom: October 19th: 8:30 am – 9:30 am