

# Parents of Manchester Essex Middle School

## Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2019

*Present: Lynn Warnock, Lisa Pratt, Michelle Pelletier, Melanie Oldeman, Jim Zaremba, Joanne Maino*

### Principal's Message – Joanne Maino

- G8 – see G8 section below
- Lift off meeting re: drone next week with Max Warnock
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade is going to Museum of Science – PTO can contribute (Joanne will send info to us)
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade going to Canobie Lake (same as above)
- Meeting Monday to discuss the ice cream social all-grade fundraiser
- PTO future – consider alternative formats and ways of meeting that might draw more participation

### School Supplies – Lisa Pratt

Kept the same as last year; will be finalized today and link will go live. Start advertising next week; deadline will be June 30. Send reminders after school starts. Add an optional Community Box at the bottom for people who may not order a school supplies box for their child but still want to contribute to the classroom supplies, or for parents who want to donate extra supplies. Joanne will distribute to all incoming sixth grade parents.

### Budget Update – Michelle Pelletier

No change

Kindness Garden request from Middle School Academy – brainstorming ways to help 6<sup>th</sup> grade solicit donations; kids could write letters to Garden Club, Hooper Fund, etc.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Update – Michelle Pelletier

- DC trip snacks are under control; great response to SignUp Genius
- Moving On ceremony for G8 – will discuss with G8 coordinators next week; lots of student volunteers stepped up to participate
- Jen Cochand and Lisa Pratt will put together a DC slide show; make sure there's a photo of every child; ask chaperones to take a picture of their groups.
- Joanne will send email to G7 parents for chaperone volunteers (6:30 – 9:30pm) for the dance on Move Up Night (June 13); ask for two shifts. Order food from Mike's Pizza (keep in mind we have an egg allergy). Need a photographer; maybe a student who needs volunteer hours? Ask Laurie Carlson to advertise in her weekly bulletin.
- Trustees of Reservations G8 Volunteer Day on June 13 (same day as moving up ceremony) at Appleton Farms. Students will work on invasive species cleaning and should bring a picnic lunch; PTO has money allotted to this grade that hasn't been spent yet – maybe pay for buses and/or water, popsicles?

### Ice Cream Social

June 11 from 2:15 to 3:15pm in dining hall. Each grade plus the teachers pick a flavor in advance, Captain Dusty's will make the ice cream. \$1 a scoop - money goes in the bucket for the flavor(s) ordered. Each grade gets the money raised for their flavor. The flavor that raises the most money will be sold at Captain Dusty's this summer.

### Next Meeting

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR: Friday, June 7, 8:30 – 10:00am, Middle School Conference Room