

MORRIS  **PLAINS**
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
500 SPEEDWELL AVENUE, MORRIS PLAINS, NJ 07950

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2014

Attendees:

Executive Committee 2013/2014:

Co-Presidents-Karen Riley & Jenn Curnow,

1st VP-Ann Gallagher/Grace Maddaloni

2nd VP-Sheryl McNichol

Treasurer-Amy Connolly

Secretary-Julie Murtha

Superintendent- Mr. Maire

Borough School Principal – Mr. Kramar

Meeting Summary:

7:40 pm -Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

7:40 pm-Mr. Maire

- Mr. Maire Introduced the new Borough School Principal, Mr. Kramar
- Mr. Kramar has been starting to transition into the roll before his official start date of December 1, 2014
- Thanks to Mr. Looney and Mrs. Vieira for stepping up act as Principal during the transition.
- Preparation has begun for next years Budget.
- Morris Plains has increased delayed openings from 90 to 2 hours in order to make sure the roads and sidewalks are cleared and safe for travel.
- There is a new position at Borough School starting in January. The Tech and Enrichment Supervisor will serve as a technology coach for the staff and students.
- The next BOE Mr. Maire and Mrs. Vieira will do a presentation on NJASK
- We have begun to look for a new system to replace School Brains.
- Preparing for PARCC testing will begin in March
- The next Superintendent Forum will be held after drop off to try and increase attendance.

7:50- Mr. Kramar –New Borough School Principal

- Mr. Kramar is currently the Assistant Principal at a 5-8 Middle School.

- He is looking to nurture the relationship between parents and the school .He comes from a similar district to Morris Plains.

7:55- Karen Riley and Jenn Curnow-Co-Presidents-Recognition

- Looking for Committee Head Volunteers for the PD Day Movie Events and the Sprint Plant Sale.
- Spring Plant sale will be run by Julia Murtha and Sheryl McNichol
- Thanks to the volunteers for the Mountain Way Book Sale (Amy Gervasio, Whitney Robina), Membership (Pam Ochab and Amy Connolly), Annabella's Dine Out Night (Grace Maddaloni and Ann Gallagher), KidStuff Coupon Books(Sheryl McNichol) and AmazonSmile.com(Amy Connolly and Karen Riley).

8:00 pm-Karen Riley and Jenn Curnow-Co-Presidents-Updates

- STEM Kits arrived on 11/5/14. Implementation planning is being discussed.
- Mountain Way A/V System: There are pieces of equipment that are on back order. Installation is TBD.
- One Day One School Event- Morris Plains has been approved for a Spring Project.
- Mountain Way Scholastic Book Fair raised \$968.08 in profit. \$145.70 was raised for "All for Books"(used to donate books to classroom libraries and for a book for each shelter child at Mt. Way and Borough).
- Membership:\$1,202.17 (membership fees), \$1010.00(additional flat), \$655 (big fundraiser) and \$335 (8th Grade Dance)
- Annabella's Dine Out Fundraiser: 15% of sales \$390, but restaurant donated \$450.
- KidStuff Coupon Books: \$3,150.00 in sales, \$1,575.00 in profit.
- Assemblies: George Street Playhouse-Peacemaker(Grades PreK-2) \$900, David Gonzales-Aseops Bops (Grades Pre-K-2) \$1080, SkyDome (Grades 3-5) \$695, Poetry Meets Percussion-Beats, Rhymes and Life(Grades 6-8) \$920.
- 3rd Grade Tile Project: \$680.00 Donated to purchase ArtWare Tiles.
- Shopping Showcase: 20 vendors signed up, 6-10pm
- Big Fundraiser Planning: Researching venues. Hoping for a date at the end of March.
- Julia Murtha Photography Photo Fundraiser: Raised \$1,500.00

8:10 pm-Upcoming MPHSA Reminders:

- Science Night will be on March 5, 2014 and the Art Show will be on April 16, 2014.
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory Fundraiser: Orders due by November 30, 2014 and Delivery will be December 15, 2014.
- Professional Development Day Pizza and Movie Event- December 3, 2014. Registration and payments due by November 26, 2014.
- SkyDome Assembly (Grades 3-5) taking place on December 5, 2014.
- Winter Plant Sale: Wreaths, Cemetery Cones, Grave Blankets and Poinsettias are available.
- Holiday Shoppe-Taking place in December.
- Next Board of Education meeting will be on November 25, 2014
- Holiday MPHSA Meeting will be on December 16, 2014 at 7:30 pm

9:25pm-Meeting Closed