

April 11th, 2016

**In attendance:**

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**•Approval of minutes - approved**

**•Public Comments -**

*MMS perception in the community -*

Johnston: Athletics-Large parental involvement at Smith, Culbreth and Phillips. Parents coaching, announcing, playing music. Why does MMS not promote parental involvement?

York: Feels this is not the case. We have parental and community volunteers this spring in many sports and parental involvement is welcomed. If folks feel there is an issue then we need to find ways to bridge communication. We would love to know what parents would like to do to support athletics.

Johnston: Mr Bianchi shared with her concerns about working with parents in the past and was hesitant to use parents as coaches again.

York: Mr Bianchi expressed concerns of having parents as coaches, as it tends to lead to favoritism and additional pressure from parents.

York would like people to approach her or Coach Harris, as the Co-ADs, in addition to speaking with the coach.

Bales: Last year there was a lot of parental involvement, and the season was almost canceled due to this factor.

Johnston: feel there must be 2 coaches on the field for 1st and 3rd base for runners. She feels Mr Bianchi is doing a great job, the team morale is high & the kids are having fun. But, that coaching a baseball team is hard, has many facets (base coaching, scoring, bench wrangling, etc) and it's not a one man show...it would be nice if there was more support from parents and the community to help Mr. Bianchi out throughout the year.

Case: HS JV team has only one coach at 3rd base. Occasionally a player will coach 1st base.

Johnston was not aware of issues that went on last year and didn't realize CHHS JV had just one coach as well.

Bales: when budget issues comes up at Lincoln Center, athletics always come up

York: if you have to keep changing the model each year, people get frustrated.

In conclusion, York:

Parents would like to find a way to become more involved rather than just admission and concessions. If parents would like to submit a list of possible ways to help, this would be beneficial to the coaches. Coaches have not been told that parents cannot be involved.

Johnston will put together a list of parents and their baseball talents and submit to the coach so that he can reach out, should he desire.

Tymann: Hearing stories about kids being mean to one another via technology. There may not be an easy answer, seems to be a problem among the girls.

Bales: Often happens after school hours and then becomes part of school.

Gray: **Parents should be reminded that it is their job to talk to their kids about bullying, cyber or otherwise**

•**Student Announcements** -none

•**PTA Announcements** -none, meeting tomorrow

•**Chair Announcements** -

We need to find replacements for Joann Case and Jen Johnston who are finishing their term on the SIT...thank you Joann and Jenn!

Christine agreed to co-chair again next year. Looking for a parent chair. Linda will serve another 2 year term

•**Principal's Announcements** -

Wrote PSF grant for 1 day planning for every teacher.

Performance testing this week and next week. Getting students prepared for EOG testing.

8 days of testing. No testing on last day of school or day after Memorial Day

Opening for next year-

2 retirements

1-2 dependent on babies

2 new computers carts purchased through district money, no cost to MMS

Teacher satisfaction survey being sent out to see 1st year as principal has gone

AIG/EC open house at the beginning of general open house at separate times

Shrubs removed for safety reasons.

[EOY Proctors Needed!](#)

Restorative Practices Certified Trainers- working with students and staff to implement restorative circles across the school. This has been in place since 12-13 school year, and discipline referrals have been reduced. In the 12-13 school year the referrals for major infractions were 250, this year, 15-16 we have 67 major referrals.

6th grade is implementing restorative practices as a check in check out model. This practice gives all stakeholders responsibility for the conversation and everyone a chance

to speak at the table. Everyone has a voice. Once students realize that a decision harms someone else, they think twice, because they really don't want to hurt another person.

•**School Board Member Sharing** - none

•**Items from March 2016 meeting:**

IEP/DEP clarification/communication.

•**Items for next month's agenda:**

New members?

Co-chairs: Christine Lippy and ?