

Fall Parent Team Meeting Minutes
Math and Science Academy
8430 Woodbury Crossing, Woodbury, MN 55125
September 25, 2008 7:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm by Sue Kratz
2. Review and approve tonight's agenda. Approved as published.
3. Welcome and Introductions were given by the Parent Team Officers and Paul Simone. Parents in attendance also introduced themselves.
4. Minutes from the April 17, 2008 meeting were approved.
5. Board of Directors report by Paul Simone.
Mr. Simone explained the design and function of the Parent Team. Mr. Simone encouraged people to run for the MSA Board of Directors. There are currently two applicants, however they (the BOD) are hoping for six applicants. The time commitments are one meeting per month and a small workshop before the meeting. More time maybe required at budget time. As a BOD you may be asked to be a liaison to one of the other committees, such as personnel, budget, long-term planning or parent team committees.
6. Updates for activities and volunteer Opportunities by Jeni Crump.
 - Jeni encouraged parents to get involved in some of the volunteer opportunities
 - Pizza Day – One parent said their student complained about pizza day being only once-a-month this year. It was suggested that twice a month (same as it has been in the past) would be better. However, for now, pizza day can be counted on for once a month.
 - Healthy Snack Day - Will be the third Monday of each month. This needs to be confirmed on the school calendar.
 - Octoberfest is organized by Mrs. Kurkowski. Please contact her if you'd like to help.
 - Pie day will be on Friday, 3/12/09. (March 14, 2009 is on a Sunday, so it was decided to have Pie Day on the preceding Friday.)
 - It was explained that budgeted dollars for the various events sponsored by the Parent Team committee, go to the designated teacher. The teacher then can do something for their students to make it a special event. This usually involves food. Most of these activities/sponsored events (Mol Day, Octoberfest, Brain Day, Cinco de Mayo Spanish Day, Senior Snack Day etc....) are planned without the Parent Team.
 - One parent asked if the Parent Team sponsors the dances. The dances are not run by the Parent Team. These are run as fundraiser events by NHS, Student Council, etc...
 - One parent inquired about grade level potlucks. These are not on the PT list of organized events this year. The attendance had declined as the grades were older. Any parent is welcome to organize a grade level potluck if they would like. They are welcome to use MSA building for free.
 - One parent asked how the sports are funded. These are traditionally funded by participation fees and fundraisers. Parents were encouraged to assist as volunteers

for the sports. If interested please talk to Molly Molitor or to the coach. You can try contacting them by both e-mail and phone. Announcements should go out to inform other parents.

- One parent asked if there were scholarships for athletics, fieldtrips or other events. Mr. Simone said the school has scholarships. People should see Mr. Simone in such an event.
 - Robotics are also an option for parents too, but it is not run by the Parent Team.
 - A brief follow-up was given on the Technology Fund Drive. The Computers have been set-up. There were 16 computers purchased.
7. Budget/ Treasurers Report
- An overview of the Treasurers report was given by Lori Nixon. The Parent Team's income exceeded the projected amount, giving the Parent Team a surplus. The PT asked for ideas how to spend the money. Mr. Simone was asking the teachers for their input too. Ideally, it would be to purchase something that would benefit most students and not have ongoing expenses associated with it. Ideas were new microwaves (about 850 watt), basketball hoop, four square court, picnic tables, a clock in the cave and guest speakers on various issues. Mr. Simone said speakers could cost anywhere from \$1,000 - \$1,500 and require careful planning to accommodate all the students. Parents were invited to submit any other ideas to the PT by e-mail.
 - Reimbursement Policies - Reimbursement Policies were walked thru by Lori Nixon. This applies to any person purchasing items for the school (Healthy snack day etc....) for their respective event. Each purchase needs approval before hand. An exact amount is not necessary; however you must make a reasonable estimate. Check with Julia Douglas, MSA's Business Manager, before making purchases and to obtain a purchase order. PLEASE, when making purchases for MSA, no personal items on the same receipt.
8. Phone directory – Jeanne Gonzalez has recently distributed the phone directory to those families who opted to participate. An announcement will go into MSA's daily announcements. This directory is an electronic directory and available only if you participate in it.
9. How to's
- If you would like something put in list-serv and/or daily announcements, send that info to Paul Simone.
 - Instructions were given for how to get daily announcements automatically by e-mail and how to get on listserv were given. **To get daily announcements e-mailed to you:** you must login into MyMsa and fill out the requested information. **To get Listserv:** you can fill out the requested information from MSA's home page.
 - There was a reminder to complete and turn in your YMCA form. If you are currently YMCA members, you will receive a \$35 credit per child at MSA. Heidi Bardwell or Kate Barton at the YMCA can help you make sure your form is processed correctly. Your child **does need** their YMCA ID to use the YMCA facilities (pool, gym, track etc...). No ID is required to use the Teen Center.
10. Announcement was made for the next meeting on January 15, 2009
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm