

Maynard High School
PTO

January 9, 2009

Attendees: Jill Hickey, Barbara Howell, Loretta Wesley, Pat Arnzten, Melissa Egan, Janet MacGillivary, MaryEllen McCarthy

The group collectively agreed the guidance counselors are not quite as available as they were previously. Junior parents voiced that they want to have face-to-face meetings with Guidance, but are being asked to wait until May or June, once activity calms down with the seniors. Guidance also is not providing enough follow up with Senior students. The group is that assigned to Ms. Schuster, who is part time, question if her part time status may be the result of the lack of follow up and her availability.

Very positive response was received from 7th and 8th grade "Up Day Parent Meetings."

The group agreed that the PTO needs to pull in more parents from other grades to the meeting. Ideas are being solicited for events to invite more parents in the PTO. It was suggested that venues other than the high school be entertained to draw in new parents. A neutral venue may be more inviting to new parents.

New Sign – The group discussed purchasing a timer for the new high school sign. The sign currently has an off/on switch. The group will discuss at a future meeting the benefits of purchasing a timer.

Plantings for new sign – Julie Wood will present a proposal of a design at a future meeting.

Kids Night Out – The last KNO (Kids Night/Day Out) went well, plenty of student volunteers. The next KNO will be moved to 2/13/2009 from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. MaryEllen will check on availability of the school and gym as well as the need for a janitor for the event. Once it is determined if the school is available for the evening, the various groups will be invited to participate. Pricing for the event will be as follows: \$28 per child for the entire evening including dinner, movie, craft and snacks. Multiple children are as follows: 2 children – \$32, 3 children - \$35, every additional child \$5 more. Children must be from the same family for the discount.

Early Release Day – In response to a parent comment, the PTO collectively agreed to support changing early release days to be consistent from school to school within the district.

The American Flag at the high school is not being properly cared for. The flag is left out constantly and is in very poor condition. Mrs. Chesson will be alerted to the situation. A suggestion was brought up: In order to prevent further deterioration of the flag, the flag could be raised only on special occasions.

Next meeting: February 12, 2008

