

Maynard High School PTO

October 8, 2009 Meeting

Attendees: Kim Kiley, Angie Aguirre, Sandy Cosetta, MaryEllen McCarthy, Barbara Howell, Karyl Kerr, Julie Wood, Helen Magliozzi, Jill Hickey

M. McCarthy announced that the next meeting of the Building Committee will be held on Wed. October 14, 2009 at the Maynard High auditorium. The public is encouraged to attend!

One proposal is to combine the 7th and 8th grade with grades 9-12. The thought is that the state may be more willing to provide funds to a school that would affect a larger population of students than the total number of students currently attending Maynard High School.

If the 7th and 8th grades were combined with grades 9-12, it is possible that courses taken in grades 7 and 8 would count toward the required number of years for the subject matter. M. McCarthy was informed that a group is trying to plan a retirement party for Barbara Bergner, former vice principal at Green Meadow School. H. Magliozzi will confirm that date. Anyone interested in helping to organize the event should contact Susan Selig at

The PTO flyer was circulated at the recent curriculum night. Several new parents signed up

Treasurer's Report -

Current Balance - \$

Got Books fund raiser has provided \$1,738 in funds since October 2008.

There is no plan at the present time to replace the air conditioner in the library as the library shares electrical outlets with WAVM and would not be suited to a larger unit.

Kids Night Out - The group is proposing another potential date in December. A date will be proposed at the next PTO meeting. M. McCarthy will check with other parent groups to see if they could LEND support for an upcoming KNO. We will revisit at next meeting.

M. McCarthy asked the group for input on the current National Honor Society's criteria for induction. Apparently there are several components (in addition to academic achievements) that need to be met in order to be eligible. Also, Maynard High's grade point average is higher than the national norm. The PTO is moving forward to address the issue with Mrs. Chesson and the National Honor Society to get clarification.

M. McCarthy asked the group about other ideas for funding. Other possible ideas:

After Prom Party; after graduation party; student grant proposals

The students would need to be surveyed to determine their interest.

The group discussed setting a date for a "Preparing for College Roundtable" for parents of juniors and seniors. The purpose of the group would be to provide a forum for parents to discuss and share helpful hints and advise during the college search, application and college tour experience.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE

Next Meeting is November 5th at 7:00

