



MARY LYON PILOT HIGH SCHOOL

Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016

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1. Call to Order, 4:30 PM

A motion was made and agreed upon to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 7, 2016.

2. Student Report

Jose Mendoza and Christian Santiago, members of the class of 2016, presented their idea for a class sweatshirt. They made a design and are having students, staff, and families sign up to purchase a custom sweatshirt.

Senior students went to a meeting with students from the Boston Green Academy this week to start planning for the prom. The prom will be on May 21st at the Hilton at Logan Airport.

3. Headmaster's Report

Herve and Mrs. Rooney attended a professional development session sponsored by BPS in response to information in the news regarding issues with race and ethnicity equity in schools.

a. Probable Org

We have completed our probable org for the next school year. One change for us next year is to show that we have one full time position allocated for teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). We were able to do this by splitting the position up among our ELA teachers who are already licensed in both ELA and ESL. One issue we are currently working to resolve is for a teacher who moved to Massachusetts and has not yet completed the licensing in Massachusetts. We anticipate this will be resolved in time for hiring for the next school year. If new positions do open up, we will need to call upon parents from the Board to assist in interviewing potential candidates.

b. Fundraising

- i. March Elections – March 1st is the primary election.

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We anticipate a high voter turnout and are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods, items to raffle in raffle baskets, and people to help work throughout the day.

ii. Gala

The Gala is taking place on Thursday, May 12th at Filippo's on Causeway Street in the North End. A parent from the lower school is helping with planning, including advising on branding and creating a promotional video. The Friends are still looking for parents to help with this fundraiser. We have co-chairs from the lower school and the high school for this event, which are Mrs. Rooney, Katie DeLaRosa and Ashley Jacobson.

iii. Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament is taking place on Tuesday, June 21st at the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course. This event is being co-chaired by John Matthews from the high school and Dan Mulvey from the lower school.

iv. Student activities

The Board discussed the overall costs for both the yearbook and the prom and discussed the prices being charged to students. The Board suggested making a request to the Friends for the Mary Lyon to help subsidize both yearbook and prom for students who will not be able to afford these activities. The next Friends meeting will take place on February 25th.

v. Dr. Nash Scholarship

The Board reviewed the requirements and process for the three Dr. Nash Scholarships awarded to seniors for academic achievement, citizenship, and improvement over the course of their time at MLPHS.

4. Other Business

Unfortunately we were not selected for the Assessment for



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Learning Grant. We will be asking for feedback so we can improve and apply again in the future.

The Mary Lyon K-12 will be participating in a Savers Fundraiser at the end of February. More details will be made available and sent home to families. As a reminder, uniform donations are always accepted to the school.

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