



Masconomet Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2016

The Masconomet Parent Advisory Council ("PAC") held a meeting at Masconomet Regional High School (small cafeteria) commencing at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time. In attendance were Mrs. Michele Mathers, PAC President, Ms. Pattiann Bampos, PAC Class of 2019, Mrs. Karen Sorenson, PAC Class of 2020, Mrs Wendy Rosenbaum, PAC Secretary, Mrs. Missie Bankes, PAC Class of 2018, Laurie Cantalupo, PAC Class of 2021, and MaryEllen Gilbert, At Large, Mrs Susan Dwyer, PAC Vice President, and Missy Bankes, PAC Class of 2018. Also in attendance at the meeting were invited guests and representatives of the Masconomet Regional School Committee members Ben Messenger and Matt Cociarrdi. Mrs. Mathers chaired the meeting and Wendy Rosenbaum kept the minutes. Mrs. Mathers recognized the quorum and called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Mathers presented the Board Meeting minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting for approval. A motion was made, seconded and the October 21, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

Mrs. Dwyer reviewed the new PAC membership registration form. The group reviewed a sample form and discussion ensued.

Mrs. Mathers recognized Laura Brewer's absence from the meeting and presented the Q1/2016 financial report as well as a plan to renew the required certificate of solicitation with the State. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Mathers reminded the group of the potential benefits of Masconomet PAC becoming a 501(c)3 organization. Discussion ensued. Further discussion on this matter planned for the next meeting when Mrs. Brewer is available to report on her review of further information on becoming a 501(c)7 organization.

The following items were discussed in regards to PAC Funding Requests and Budget items:

- Middle School fall dance was run by the middle school – no PAC support request
- Sadie Hawkins HS dance to be held Feb 5th
- The MASCO Athletic Director requested that PAC fund a bunting with the MASCO logo to be utilized to decorate the presentation table at the Sports awards assemblies.
- Support for the purchase of a Digital Sign for the front of the Masconomet HS. The sign will provide information for upcoming events and MRSD programs, and is in direct alignment with PAC mission. Mrs. Mathers to follow up with the administration regarding the ability for PAC to add notices of upcoming PAC events on the sign.
- Three \$200 PAC scholarships for 2016 graduating class.

A motion was made to approve all PAC funding request and budgeted disbursements; the motion was seconded and unanimous approval was given.

It is resolved that the PAC Funding Requests for \$1,000 to support the high school Sadie Hawkins Dance, for \$910 for the Athletic Department bunting for Awards Night, \$14,000 for the

proposed Masconomet LED digital sign, and three \$200 PAC scholarships are approved for immediate disbursement.

Mrs. Rosenbaum reported that she would run the Teacher Appreciation event again this year and will work with Tracy Klouse. Mrs. Rosenbaum also volunteered to fill the vacant position and serve as PAC Secretary. A motion was made to approve Mrs. Rosenbaum as PAC Secretary; the motion was seconded and unanimous approval was given.

It is resolved that Mrs. Wendy Rosenbaum of Topsfield, MA 01983 be appointed to the position of Secretary, Masconomet PAC, for a term of three years ending June 30, 2019.

Mrs. Mathers gave an update regarding the HS decision not to have a senior prom and the administration's apparent disregard for soliciting student input or involvement in the decision. It was mentioned that many students and parents plan to attend the upcoming school committee meeting and hope to have this topic added to the agenda in order to discuss the matter with the school committee members and gain some support around the process for the current school year and going forward. There was further discussion regarding the history of the prom at the HS and issues that have been mentioned around the event including the size of the venue needed to accommodate a large student attendance and the chaperones needed to host such an event separately from the current Junior prom already on the calendar. The PAC board members discussed the topic at length and got some feedback and recommendations from the two school committee members in attendance. It was suggested by the group that PAC would publically support the idea that there should be a formal process put into place to determine all senior events annually including prom and that the students should be fully involved in this process. Mrs. Mathers was directed to prepare a communication on this issue to be sent on behalf of PAC to all members. She will send a draft to all board members after this meeting for review. The notice will also ask members of PAC to encourage the administration to give students a vote of choice on senior prom. A motion was made to authorize Mrs. Mathers to draft a letter to be sent to all PAC members to encourage Administration to give students a vote to choose whether or not to have a Senior Prom or other event; the motion was seconded and unanimous approval was given.

It is resolved that Mrs. Michele Mathers shall draft a letter to all PAC members endorsing the "Vote for Choice" initiative by the Class of 2016, and encouraging the Masconomet Administration to give students a vote to choose whether or not to have a Senior Prom or other event.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Wendy Rosenbaum
Secretary, Masconomet Parent Advisory Council