

Commack Middle School

School-Based Management Team

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017

Members and Membership Groups

<i>Administration</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Teaching Staff</i>
Anthony Davidson	Melissa Gordon	Ed Cuff *
Christina Sapienza*	April Haupt	Roger Eisenhardt ++
	Laurie Schoenfeld	Susan Boyce
		Mary Nerko *
<i>CTA</i>	<i>Support Staff</i>	
Carolyn Burton	Veronica Plotke	

++ Facilitator

*Absent

Introduction

- Meeting began at 3:03 pm.

Adoption of Minutes from January 4, 2017

- Reviewed minutes and adopted

Old Business

- **Student involvement in SBMT**

We agreed that inviting the students last month for feedback on activities was successful. The students did a great job. They were well spoken, took their roles seriously and were a diverse group. We agreed to invite students to our next meeting in March to give us feedback about the Student Government Carnival which takes place in February but only 6th and 7th graders because 8th graders generally don't participate.

- **7th Grade Event**

There was further discussion about what to do about the money left over from this year's Bowlero event. The building cannot hold it so it was decided to use it as a deposit for next year's event since it is not possible to return it to the attendees. Although Bowlero was a success, there are liability issues to holding it there again next year which also applies to other venues. Who can sign the contract? Who would be responsible? Who should handle the money? There was discussion about whether a 7th grade event was even needed. The school cannot sponsor the event because school events must take place on campus. There was discussion about possibly bringing the event on campus and have student council sponsor it, but we were reminded that on campus events in previous years have not been successful. The Committee agreed that, in light of the current constraints, we need to find out whether it is possible to hold the 7th grade event at Bowlero again and, if not, what is the alternative? April said she would reach out to Bowlero to discuss and also to BEAST which was an off campus venue mentioned as a possibility. It was agreed that next month we should come with potential ideas for on campus events.

New Business

- **March: Young Adolescent Month**

A number of suggestions were presented to embrace this new initiative of focusing on the adolescent learner. The Committee agreed that it was a good idea to incorporate them into Spirit Week in March. Most of the activities would be offered during the students' lunch periods.

- Graffiti Board – mount a large art display outside the auditorium where students can create something that shows off their talent. School will provide the supplies.
- Filling display boards in the hallways. Sign up at lunch
- Ask the Principal Day – Kids are so curious. They always want to know why, why, why? Put out cards for them to write questions on that Mr. Davidson can answer.
- Music during lunch periods – match the music to the theme of the day. Maybe also between classes?
- Fact or Fiction game in the lunchrooms. Kids will work together as a team. We discussed the possibility of having a club facilitate it. Maybe the Political Activists club?
- Photo Days – Have the art department set up backdrops in the cafeteria Thursdays and Fridays to make the cafeteria more interactive. #CMS and other backdrops suggested
- Kids Teaching Kids – have kids tutor other kids during lunchtime on their favorite sports or hobbies. Possibly art, theater, making slime and sports in the gym. We can send out a survey to the students to get suggestions. We discussed that it might be better to schedule it during a week other than Spirit Week.
- Organizing donations – Unclaimed items in the lost and found are usually donated. The suggestion was to have the students fold and get bags ready for donation to the Malala Fund. The fund distributes 40% of what they sell to help girls all over the world. They provide the bags and postage and send thank you cards. A further suggestion was to ask the students to clean out their closets and bring their old stuff in for donation. That would not work for the Malala Fund since they only accept donations of kids and women's clothing, but other charities were suggested such as the BigBrother/Big Sister organization. Perhaps this could be something that is continued year round.

The observation was made that the ideas are discussed at SBMT but would be implemented by the school staff.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Schoenfeld