

Friends of the Performing Arts (FoPA)
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2012

- **The administrative team kicked the year off in support of Marblehead High School Performing Arts by joining us at the first meeting of the year.** In attendance were:
 - Greg Maass, Superintendent
 - Maryann Perry, Assistant Superintendent
 - Deb Heaton, Principal
 - Ken Lord, Technology Supervisor
 - This is a year of changes as lead teachers step up and curriculum and funding guidelines get established. The administrative team, FoPA leaders and members in attendance expressed enthusiasm in working with together in a direct and transparent way to enrich and support the Performing Arts Program.
- **Maryann Perry** is working with lead fine/performing arts teachers Amanda Roeder and Pascale Queval and the rest of the MHS team to develop the fine arts curriculum
- **Ken Lord** is in charge of after school programs as well as technology. For the performing arts some of his duties include:
 - Managing the PAC schedule and rentals of the PAC
 - Managing ticket sales for the musical with the help of parent volunteers
 - Overseeing any assembly of sets for drama productions
- **Other topics discussed with administrators:**
 - **Tri-M Music Honor Society** at MHS is currently on hold pending a review of the stipend which covers the pay for the Tri-M advisor. The review is part of a routine review of some school stipends which happens through a union negotiation process. MHS Principal Deb Heaton and Superintendent Greg Maass both spoke about this at the Sept. FoPA meeting explaining that negotiation is still underway and they will notify us when this process has been completed. FoPA is awaiting the outcomes of this negotiation upon which we will have a better understanding of the plans for Tri-M at MHS this year. We do understand the interest from parents and students about this valued student program and we look forward to sharing more information when it becomes available.
 - **Schedule Conflicts and Trade-offs** – Discussion of the various tradeoffs that often have to take place due to student schedules. Example: AP classes conflict with Orchestra or Chorus or Band, After School Sports conflicts with Performing Arts, some classes conflict with Chorus. Deb Heaton discussed the trade-offs that often need to take place to fit many different schedule needs across the entire building.
- **MHS will be HOSTING TWO GREAT EVENTS THIS YEAR!**
 - Dramafest Preliminary Round – March 2
 - Great opportunity for kids interested in drama and crew and tech to get involved in theatre! Stay tuned for more information. Involvement is not exclusively tied to auditioning.
 - Get more information here <http://metg.org/festival/h-s-festival/>
 - Together in Harmony – March 17
 - Annual Salem, Swampscott, Marblehead Choral Event – a great event that brings together our extended community.
- **FoPA FUNDRAISING** and membership drive continues – who will win the Kindle Fire?!
- **Funding approved for:**
 - \$50 Gift for Cindy Thompson – longtime Fine Arts Administrative Assistant
 - \$100 for Piano Accompanist for Sweeney Todd Auditions
- **Funding needs**
 - Funding a cappella arrangements was discussed– this is on hold pending Amanda Roeder conferring with all performing arts teachers on needs
- **FoPA Publicity and Communications**
 - We have set up a Constant Contact email list and need help getting people to join it – especially Freshmen parents

- We will use Constant Contact to send out meeting minutes, reminders, agendas, fundraising info and other news and alerts throughout the year.
- Leslie Boyce is hard at work keeping the local news outlets informed about MHS Performing Arts and FoPA events . She is working with MHS student Max Levine to get photos of the band, orchestra, chorus and drama teams so we can publicize the great stuff happening in our Performing Arts Programs

2012/2013 Friends of the Performing Arts Meeting schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 19 all meetings are held at 7:00pm at MHS in the Principal's conference room

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Wednesday, Nov. 14

DEC. - NO MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Wednesday, Mar. 13

Wednesday, Apr. 10

In Attendance:

FoPA Co-Presidents: [Kera Dalton](#) and [Susan Hauck](#)

FoPA Treasurer: [Alisa Moscone](#)

FoPA Secretary: [Molly Welch](#)

FoPA PR: [Leslie Boyce](#)

Greg Maass, Superintendent

Maryann Perry, Assistant Superintendent

Deb Heaton, Principal

Ken Lord, Technology Supervisor

Karen Jancsy

Gail Power

Marion Higgins

Nancy Thorne

Dianne McCarthy

Debra Basile

Susan Finestone

Dara VanRemoortel