



MEF MEETING

Date	Wednesday, 9/25/24, 7 PM- meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Tania, motion by Erin and second by Samantha	
Location	Memorial Library	
MEF Board Member	President	Tania Pinto
	Vice President	Erin Powers
	Treasurer	Amy Brinkman
	Secretary	Samantha D'Auria
Administration	Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Petersen
	Memorial School	Dr. Parks Mr. Pellegrino
	Fieldstone Middle School	Mr. Lauricella Ms. Risoli
	MEF Teacher Liaison	Ms. Ripston

	TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)
1.	Welcome / Introduction- outgoing VP and Treasurer, swearing in new officers today	Tania Pinto
2.	Review of prior MEF Meeting Minutes - approved minutes from May 2024	
3.	<p>MEF Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mini Photo Shoot fundraiser 10/5, 10/6, 10/19, 10/20 https://calendly.com/jstraderphotography/mini-photo-sessions-with-jennifer?month=2024-10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ click on link on our website to book your tickets ● Fall Soiree 11/15 - visit mef4kids.org for tickets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seasons- tickets go on sale today! ○ Looking for donations for tricky tray and raffle baskets ○ DJ and photobooth are sponsored by Dr. Elaahi, local orthodontist ○ Silent auction from staff <p>Completed Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spiritwear sale at BTSN (FMS & MES) and Memorial Mixer ● Marc's Pizza during MES BTSN- \$250 ● Parking Spot Raffle (winners) Palatnek & Jose Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you on behalf of MEF and PTO for participating ○ \$780 earned for each organization- MEF and PTO 	Tania Pinto
4.	Correspondence- Silent Auction requests from staff and administration	Erin Powers Amy Brinkman
5.	MEF Report of Officers / Treasurer's Report	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$102K current in account- very healthy balance for the start this school year ● Thank you to our Board Members: Erin Powers and Amy Brinkman ● Welcome to new Board members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maureen Sutton- Treasurer ○ Amaka Auer- VP ● Discussion of how to become a trustee for the MEF- 3 meetings in a calendar year. 	
6.	<p>Administration / Faculty Update</p> <p>Petersen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Thank you to outgoing board members and welcome to new members. -Great start to the school year. -Construction update- boilers and AC nearly complete. MES addition is nearly complete. FMS construction coming along, ie: STEAM lab and music room (see Lauricella notes) etc. -Board meeting 9/23/24- invited new teachers to hear about their experiences -2 seats open for upcoming Board Election, 3 candidates running. -Small town feel, Montvale is a special place, open door at Petersen's office <p>Pelligrino:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Good start to the school year -BTSN last week, successful event -Memorial Mixer- successful event, Memorial Mac greeted kids -Photo days at MES -Mac Monday- 1st event this week, work with 4th grade, discussions about important topics in order to prep them for middle school -Book fair coming up 10/7-11 -Professional Development 10/14- focus on differentiation -Halloween- route around the school and grounds, more information to follow <p>Lauricella:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Welcomed 4 new staff members: music teacher, math teacher, spanish teacher, LLD teacher to start the year -Construction: Opened Music Room, new classrooms, HVAC is completed, STEAM and ART to open in next few weeks -Intervention Program for Grades 5 & 6 - ELA & Math - based on NJSLA (Raimondi & Schlemm) -Picture Day - September 9 -Falcon Families Advisory Program Reboot - September 11 Wednesday mornings- focus on community 	

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- Scholastic Book Fair - Week of September 9
- Back to School Night - September 12
- MAP Testing - September 12 & 13
- Washington DC Parent Meeting - September 18
- Falcon families: Focus on cellphone expectations with cell phones- discussion with students
- Discussion with students about dress code
- Content Area Department Meetings - September 19
 - Streamlining writing expectations through grades 5-8 ELA
 - Supplement writing and reading expectations in Social Studies grades 5-8
 - Focus on realigning math assessments in grades 5-8
 - Focus on curriculum realignment with PVRSD in World Languages
 - Focus on spiraling the curriculum in grades 6-8 in science
- Administration met with Student Government - September 24th
- Club Fair today - 15 clubs represented
- Bus Evacuation Drills at Recess today
- October 3 & 4: School Closed, Religious Holiday
- Week of October 7: Week of Respect
- October 9: Falcon Family Day
- October 14: School Closed for Students; Professional Development Day for Staff
- October 18: Fieldstone Friday, Grades 5 & 6
- October 21: Picture Day Makeups
- October 21: BOE Work Session Meeting
- October 24: PTO/MEF Meeting, 7 pm
- October 28: BOE Public Business Meeting

Risoli:

- Pep Rally - September 19th - Introduced fall sports teams, named the Falcon (Freddy the Falcon), introduced our student government
- Introduction of student Govt to student body, then Risoli and Lauricella met with Student Govt to discuss plans for this year
- FMS Club Fair- 15+ clubs set up in gymnasium

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	<p>FMS Sports: Volleyball 2-0 Boys soccer 1-1 Girls soccer 1-1-1</p> <p>First FMS book club meeting this coming Friday</p> <p>Enforcing the FMS cell phone policy- Cell phones need to stay in the backpack at all times -1st time warning -2nd time the cell phone is out hold it until the end of the day -3rd time parents come in to pick up cell phone in the office</p>	
7.	MEF Old Business	
8.	<p>MEF New Business / Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ruth Levy Scholarship was awarded on June 5th (Recipient- Brandon Kass) ● Grant process review and outreach to schools- discussion at a staff meeting at both MES and FMS ● WELCOME to any new trustees <p>Diff btw MEF and PTO- PTO is more social emotional based and support school themselves, MEF support curriculum and instruction</p> <p>● Volunteers for planning/chairing events are appreciated!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Photography sessions (Oct. 5, 6, 19, 20) ● Fall Soiree (Nov. 15, 2024) ● Glow Run (January 31, 2025) @ MES - looking for chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MES gym teachers, fun run and activities in the gym with glowing activities, grade level activities, students fundraise and incentives ● March Madness (March 2025) @ FMS - looking for chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ grade level activities and basketball games, students fundraise and incentives ● Harlem Wizards (Jan 2026) - looking for chair 	Tania Pinto
9.	Meeting Adjournment 7:55pm	