**Marshall Community Council**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

In Attendance: Amanda Yonker, Ann Song, Lisa Salerno, Condee Wood, Charlene Hayes, Jody Chipman, Jennifer Hoffman, Alexis Karageorge, Kaylene Lahn, April Messenger, Greg Norman, Mary Rideout,

Frank and Rebekkah Vielbaum, Heidi Weaver

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| **Agenda Item** | **Meeting Minutes** |
| **Welcome/Introductions** | Welcome from Amanda and introductions around the table. |
| **Principal’s Report** | Our holiday “giving board” was very successful again this year. All tags were taken with over 70+ gifts sent in for our in-need families. Everyone was thankful and appreciative for the gifts received. Special thanks to our generous Marshall community for making it happen. Our Barnes and noble fundraiser in December made $1800 for the library! Mr. Wark will use these funds to enhance our multi-cultural books and other areas in need. He also plans to purchase additional Lego sets for our Robotics students. The end of the first semester takes place the end of the month. There will be a Martin Luther King Assembly on Friday, January 15th. Students will do a related lesson after the assembly with their mentor groups. There will be a sexting presentation put on by the Olympia Police Department on January 26th at 6:30 pm at the Knox building. Presentations will also take place at Marshall in February during Social Studies classes with smaller groups, and throughout the Olympia school district. Mr. Fulton is coordinating with a science teacher from Capital to do a presentation on marijuana and how it affects teen brains. This is targeted the first week of February for all grades (through science classes). |
| **Vice-Principal’s Report** | Marshall staff recently completed a level 2 safety drill. Will try to improve the plan as needed. Staff is being assigned to roles where they would be most beneficial. Safety team will continue to revise and improve Marshall’s plan. OSD will provide MMS with basic supplies to support this effort. Once plan is solidified, parent population needs to be trained of the rules and guidelines for picking up students in the event of an emergency situation. Suggestion to add a slide at curriculum night and talk about emergency procedures. Also add a page to the MMS site regarding Marshall’s reunification location and other safety guidelines. Parent discussion and additional suggestions on using a “safety series” approach to introduce these new guidelines via robo calls. |
| **Yearbook**  | Mary talked about yearbook club. Cover deadline is end of January. All club members submitted a cover design. Vote will take place. Mr. Wark, Library, got new cameras for students to use to take photos at Marshall events. Mary would like to include pictures of ‘TCYFL’ football and cheerleading (6th, 7th and 8th graders included) since so many Marshall students participate. They are in need of all sports photos including, soccer, girls’ basketball, robotics and ultimate Frisbee club. Everyone was encouraged to send pictures to their website at:Mustangsyearbook16@gmail.com |
| **New Business** | **Jefferson Activity Night** – February 5th, 6:30-8:30 pm. Sci-Fi theme with $5 admission at the door. 5-10 volunteers needed from Marshall. Parents interested in volunteering may contact Kim Swanson, our Parent Volunteer Coordinator.  Mrs. Huff would like to organize a **Crocheting Club**. First project would like the kids to make something to donate. MCC will give her stipend to pay for materials. Parents may also have yarn to donate.DLC would like to request **Lego donations** to use in the classroom. Communications will send out a request note to parents.Jodi Chipman will coordinate another **Rainier family game night**. This was well attended and enjoyed last year.**EScrip** question was made regarding tracking purchases made to date. Jennifer Hoffman will follow-up. **Greenbelt Restoration Project** - Greg Norman discussed this greenbelt area, past the field, near the retention pond across from Marshall field (Hansen side). We need to maintain this area for safe student access during class projects. All science classes utilize this area. Mr. Condon’s class will spread donated mulch on January 29th. Requested parent volunteers to help with clearing on Saturday, January 16th from 10-2 pm. Needs weed whackers, clippers and other clearing tools. Rebekka will also communicate this need to CSI parents at their upcoming meeting. This is an excellent service community opportunity. Amanda asked if anyone was opposed to possibly changing our MCC meetings to Wednesday nights instead of Tuesdays due to board scheduling conflicts. Majority was not opposed. Will let everyone know if this does change.  |
| **Theater** | Amanda talked about an upcoming Theater Parent Meeting on March 8th. Jason Haws would like this mandatory parent meeting also be the deadline for applications (for interested theater students). Parents will receive information packet prior to this meeting and be asked to attend the meeting to return completed applications. Discussion around adequate communication for parents to complete the required paperwork and having all questions answered. The exact play has not been decided yet. All Q&As will be in the packet. Commitment requirements, fees and everything will be provided in the packet. This would help with numbers and to keep it manageable. There are openings for 60 actors and 30 techies. Suggestion made about having auditions. Condee talked about Marshall not going that route at the middle school level. “We want to expose kids to theater before going into high school where they do have to try out for parts to participate in school plays.” This is the last opportunity many students will have to be exposed to theater. Another suggestion for an optional information night for parents, then requesting packets due the following week. After-school transportation concerns also discussed. Parent suggested considering using inter-city transit to support additional rides. Vielbaums offered to drive kids as well. Amanda asked about our scholarship fund for theater participation. Condee has funds to cover fees for those eligible students Question was asked why can’t we open it up and have more kids or all kids who want to participate in the play be considered. Response was it being a safety issue and unfortunately not enough parent volunteers, or enough roles in a play for everyone to be involved. Lengthy discussion around details of logistics and the need for capping the numbers. We need to ensure there’s plenty of information ahead of time so parents and students can make a decision regarding theater participation.  |
| **Adjourn** | Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.  |

**Our next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Marshall library.**