**Marshall Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

In Attendance: Amanda Yonker, Beth Kalb, Lisa Salerno, Condee Wood, Jody Chipman, Karen Ferguson,

Conae Lee, Tina Moreschi, Alexis Karageorge, Matthew Phillipy, Mary Rideout, Ann Song, Kim Swanson,

Ed Landry, Prairie Matthews, Jenny Rice, Leilani Stewart, Karen Zimmerman

Minutes from December, 2014 meeting approved.

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** |
| **Welcome/Introductions** | Round table with introductions. Minutes were reviewed and approved from December. |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | Beth reviewed our budget year-to-date. Working on making all needed corrections for our tax exempt status. By-laws are also currently being amended and will be on our MCC site soon for all to review. |
| **Principal’s Report** | Condee talked about the Martin Luther King assembly taking place on Friday the 16th. 45 students and 10 staff members are participating in this special tribute. Students are learning about civil rights and injustice. Great learning is taking place and will be shared at the assembly. One of our students will be playing a medley on his guitar including Amazing Grace and America the Beautiful. Students have also been doing a lot of work around bullying and being an “upstander” vs. a “bystander”. MMS will not tolerate bullying and students will be asked to make a pledge to be kind and stand up to bullying once back in the classrooms after the assembly. The Olympian newspaper, Dick Cvitanich, and other school district personnel will be in attendance. All parents were also invited to attend.  We are currently holding a hygiene drive supporting “the other bank” of the YMCA. Students have lists of toiletry items and other household cleaning items that are needed. This is one of many service projects that will be supported each month for MMS houses where students are seeing how we can make a difference!  There are 2 weeks remaining in the semester. Changes have been made to the current MMS time to focus on academics. In supporting the district PBIS initiative (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) kids are learning they’re an important part of their community. Jennifer Huff has been instrumental in this effort. Overall our discipline rates are very low. We are creating higher expectations and trying to build better relationships between teachers and students. Our staff is managing students’ behavior and it’s going well. |
| **Funds Request** | Mr. Phillipy, 8th grade Science Teacher had a funds request to help support future “field investigations” for his classes. He would like to take students to the Museum of Flight and possibly the Pacific Science Center however current budget does not allow for these additional field trips (“investigations”). Mary Rideout offered a possible solution to help with this year’s trip to the Museum of Flight. She will get back to Mr. Phillipy on the details. There may also be free kids day admittance monthly. Students will also be solicited for funds if they are able to help offset costs. Mr. Philipy will also look into using free city bus services. Everyone approved the motion to add a line item to the budget annually to include $1,000 to be used for science field investigations. |
| **Student Store** | Tina reported on the student store. ASB kids are being asked to help after they’ve eaten their lunch. They won’t handle money. Tina will work with ASB president to establish a schedule. |
| **Fundraising** | Tacoma Rainiers Game scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd at 5:05 pm. Advertising to start the end of February. Will invite Rhubarb the Reindeer, the Rainier mascot, in early April. |
| **Activity Night** | Next Activity Night is scheduled for February 6th at Jefferson Middle School. Dress in your favorite “decade gear”. Interested volunteers please let the MCC know or contact Luke Burns directly at Olympia Parks and Rec. |
| **Yearbooks** | Yearbook committee is currently meeting Mondays after school. Encouraged everyone to please download any school photos taken to our new drop box. More details to follow. |
| **After-School Activities** | Amanda reported on the recent survey that went out to Marshall families regarding after-school activities and clubs. Art, Homework and Drama received the most votes for club interest. Discussion around various clubs that could be offered to MMS students. Home Economics was one since we have a Home Economics Room designed for this purpose. Clubs don’t necessarily have to be free. Some families are willing to pay for the opportunity. Also talked about the need for parent sponsors to help run them. Co-parent teams to sponsor or “club share” potential after-school clubs was a suggestion. Condee is exploring options to create more electives for students. Would like to include Art in the PE rotation. A Homework Club is also very much in need. Discussed a possible schedule of Mon.-Thurs. from 2:30-3:30 pm with 1 staff member and 1 parent volunteer, with light snacks provided. ASB budget may be able to pick up the cost of some “student generated” clubs. Condee will talk with staff to see who would be available. Amanda will contact volunteers who commented on the surveys for interest and availability. |
| **New Business** | Request for MCC Bulletin Board was made. Condee will put in a request order.  OSDEF funds request of $300 to sponsor concessions at the theater performance was denied from the majority.  Superintendent/Parent Group roundtable meeting will be held on January 27th. Amanda will attend and share MMSs strong community support through the MCC and Staff with our recent Giving Tree and Meal donation success during the holidays. |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. |

**Our next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Marshall library.**