

Marshall Community Council – Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday May 14, 2019

Introductions & Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:03

Present: Condee Wood, Jeni Houghton, Janie Nelson, Sarah Clifthorne, Lori Sale, Kim Leidelmeijer, Courtney Farr, Ron Surette, Danielle Stone, Betsy Papaly, Jason Haws, Cassie White, Heidi Weaver and Greg Norman.

Theater Presentation: Jason Haws, Betsy Papaly and Cassie White

History of theater program - Originally, Capital Playhouse prominent theater program in town, summer program for kids, used to commission plays to middle schools called "Students on Stage." MMS did it for a couple of years. It used to cost kids \$150 each plus \$4000 from the school. Mr. Haws said he could do it for less and it would be a lot better. A parent started producing, and Mr. Haws started directing. They did it for years, and eventually, it became an MCC event/fundraiser. It started as an opportunity for kids to be involved with theater. The money used to go back to the productions. We moved to CHS and did Lion King - it was sold out, made more money.

Original intent was for kids to be doing theater and have a good time. We don't want the direction of the play to be that when titles that aren't as well-known as others that they aren't as well-supported as others. We don't want to do Disney shows every year. While they are great, it stretches the kids to do something different.

We have always struggled over the years to have a consistent costumer who is a parent. It is very hard to costume 50-60 kids. We have had parents who have done it for years. Beth Kalb has done it for years and is doing it this year despite not having a kid at Marshall. Beth saved us last year; there was a disconnect last year.

We don't want to keep adding positions. This year, we feel it's important to pay Beth for the work that she's done. Maybe next year, we can have a committee that makes decisions going forward.

Beth works really hard on costumes - and costuming matters.

We set a high bar, and we want to keep that bar high. It's important to keep the integrity of the program. We feel that Beth is a huge part of that.

Question - Set-building - how do we pay for that? It's paid for out of the theater budget.

Three stipended positions - director, music director, and choreographer

Jeni - How much of a stipend? Betsy suggests \$200

Also, the stipend for the choreographer is \$350. We should look at raising that for next year now that our choreographer is participating daily.

Lori - Parental standpoint - her older son's involvement has improved his academic ability; younger son really gets a lot out of it as well; Beth Kalb has helped mentor them as well. Lori proposes \$400. Sarah says it should be the same as the choreographer.

Sarah says we should approve a one-time stipend for Beth, but after the show we should get together with directors to plan out the budget for next year.

Condee - proposal to match Cassie's stipend of \$350 for Beth with the idea that we will meet after this year to discuss stipends going forward. Lori seconds. Motion passes with 6 yes, 1 absentian, and 1 no.

April Board Mtg Minutes - motion to approve tabled until next meeting because Jeni could not get access to them to print them out.

Principal's report

- Testing happening now! 8th grade science test today; MAP testing window closes on Friday; ELA SBA 5/20, 5/21 and 5/23; Math SBA 6/3 and 6/5; Algebra Final 6/17.
- Marshall Masterpieces Showcase is this Thursday at 7:00 in our cafeteria; Ms. Rydholm will probably want reimbursements soon.
- AVID tutors were AMAZING! Thank you thank you thank you for supporting them. They are planning to return next year through work study.
- Meals for Teacher Appreciation Week were awesome - a HUGE thank you to all who contributed!
- Rummage Sale this Saturday is a fundraiser for CSI. If successful, parent organizer Karin Olsen would like to do it again in the fall as an MCC fundraiser. Bring used items you were going to donate this Friday between 2:30 and 4:30. Sale is Saturday from 9 to 3, and nothing will be priced. We will take donations and offers!
- Behavior has amped up - more off-task, more shenanigans; Admin is going into all 8th grade classes this Thursday to discuss Wild Waves and end-of-year behavior expectations. It is a reward trip, and students who do not earn it in these last five weeks will not get to go.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance: \$29,000 in account; \$1000 in store

Box Tops - made \$183

Yearbook bill is being paid... we need to sell more

Field trips expenditures are hard - last year's was billed in August; we haven't gotten any bills yet for this year - makes it very difficult to budget; we need to work with Mimi to max out bills where our budget allows and then MMS budget pays the rest.

No reimbursement requests from teachers after May 31. Condee will send an email to teachers.

Committee chair reports:

Student Store: Deposits to make - Greg is there once per week now, maybe twice per week

Box Tops: Deposit of \$183

Spirit Wear: Jeni has been sorting, boxing and labeling everything; it's all in the ASB closet behind the popcorn machine. Water bottles and spirals are in the staff room. We need to order by July or August in order to have for Orientation.

We could set up a table at the Rummage Sale to sell them.

Yearbooks: We have yearbooks! Thanks to Jayme Fierro. It looks amazing - it's due by the end of the week. We are ordering 225 books.

For next year: Fierro is wanting Josten's. Is Josten's district-approved? We need to let Sarah know before she does the budget what the next budget projection is.

Suggestion for yearbook from Lori: Include the MCC - officers, what the group does, etc.

Bulletin Board: It changed; it will change soon to the play and then the countdown

Communications - We don't have a communications person; Jeni has been doing one thing at a time. We need to send out information about yearbooks and open MCC positions. Lori is happy to help out with communications for the rest of this year.

Concessions - Next year we should look to businesses to donate items; Greg will purchase food items; Suzy and Cassie need to talk to Greg.

Fundraising:

Jeni wants PayPal information for the No Buy/No Sell fundraiser from Sarah. Sarah sent it to Jeni. Jeni is going to make it happen before the end of the school year.

We should do a Chipotle night before the end of the school year: June 1
Check with Menci's as well! Jeni said she would check with both of them for the same time.

Activity Night - Jeni would love to plan this for the end of the year, but she needs help!
DJ Chanelle (Chanelle Nielsen, Mark's mom) might volunteer. Typically paid \$100.00.

Lori and Kim will help. We need a date ASAP. Considering June 7 from 6-8 pm.

Ongoing Projects

Old Business

- Proposal to merge MCC and CSI with CSI holding a budget line item within MCC - CSI parents have a vested interest; MCC has a lack of involvement - is there a way to work together? Janie Nelson has volunteered to attend MCC meetings as a liaison.
- MCC is supporting the whole school - it's hard to go to two meetings for parents involved with CSI; Lincoln has business meeting and 4th Tuesday is for committee work; there are ways to rethink outside of the box.
- Danielle thinks they should stay separate because CSI raises its own money, pays for its own events.
- Can't the CSI fundraiser still happen within the umbrella of MCC? It's challenging to find all of the parent support needed for both groups.
- Lori suggests continuing the discussion.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.