**Mustang Community Council**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

In Attendance: Amanda Yonker, Ann Song, Beth Kalb, Lisa Salerno, Condee Wood, Charlene Hayes,

Anch Bergeson, Mark Bergeson, Dawn Garcia, David Hoffman, Kaylene Lahn, Conae Lee, Matthew Phillipy,

Amielia Renecker, Shane Renecker, Mary Rideout, Autumn Stevick, Kim Swanson, Frank Vielbaum,

Rebekkah Vielbaum, Heidi Weaver, Karen Zimmerman

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| **Agenda Item** |  |
| **Welcome/Introductions** | Welcome from Amanda with introductions around the table.  Approval of August meeting minutes. |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | Beth gave a treasurer report. Year-end budget was reviewed from last school year. Student store made $4k, Safeway escrip program is going away. More parent awareness is needed to increase fundraising. Chipotle in May made over $600. We’ll look at doing the same fundraiser this year as it took little effort. Haggen also does a program. $200 is also coming from “boxed tops”. Yearbook also made money last year. Monster Dash made $3k and over $5,600 for Theater.  Beth would like to add $100 in the budget for beautifying the school. Amanda Yonker planted fresh mums in front of the school in time for Orientation.  Science Fair is still being considered for this year.  Discussed 8th Grade graduation needs. Decided to split the cost with ASB and MCC for 8th grade celebration. |
| **Principal’s Report** | Condee reported a great start to the new year. Some items were reported stolen from backpacks. Hidden cameras found the culprit. They’ll let kids know we do have cameras in the hallways to be mindful of school security in the future. Teachers will start having students sign-out during classroom time. Other than that it’s been an amazing start. She’s excited to be here. Charlene shared a story of a packed lunchroom and kids ‘squeezing in’ to share room on cafeteria tables. We need 2 more lunch tables due to lack of space. District is aware. Kids have been great during the first week of school. Talked about her recent robo call. Condee will utilize robo calls, email and parent letters so everyone is aware of important messages. We as a community will get more information on how to react to possible lock downs and intruders on school premises.  Thursday, September 17th Amanda, Beth and other PTA presidents and principals will review finances and clarify what parent organizations pay for versus ASB funding pays for. She will share more information after the meeting.  9/23 – 9/30 – community forums will take place. Parents will be invited. One bond will be to replace the roof at a cost of. 1.6 million. For comparison it cost $60k to paint the building this summer.  We’re getting “Thurgood Marshall Middle School” in big metal letters across the beams in front of the school within the next month. Reader boards will also be installed in front of the school within the next few months. District is paying for these improvements.  We’re gearing up for various initiatives for staff development which will be a 2-year Professional Development Program. Charlene is implementing a lot of changes within our ASB. Condee would like an Assistant Principal Report added to future agendas. A schedule change this year - every Monday kids will go to their house mentors, mixed aged groups bet 20-34 kids and do lesson plans that are necessary but don’t fit with a class (bullying and harassment training, service learning projects, etc.). No MMS time on Mondays. Will expanded time to 25 minutes from 20 minutes. The Staff spent a lot of time processing various changes that could be made to make it better. MMS time will now be Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.  District has given an extra FTE Engagement Specialist to work with “at risk” kids to provide additional support. Depending on what the kids needs are, the specialist will do whatever is needed to make them successful. They’re in the process of hiring this FTE.  SBAC Results – every district in the surrounding area completed SBAC testing. OSD did well, but Marshall was the lowest scoring school in the district. Our 7th Grade SBAC score was very close to Jefferson’s Jams score. We’re higher than all state average in every school category and we did perform better than all surrounding districts .  Our population has changed significantly. We’re almost 50% at free and reduced lunch. That being said we’re still doing very well and continue to do better. Scores are online if you’d like to see how your kids did. |
| **Teacher Appreciation** | Karen Zimmerman talked about festivities during upcoming conference week, October 27-30. Parents will be asked to provide lunches for staff Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday staff will be on their own. Crock pot food has done well in the past. We will also try to solicit for dinner Wednesday night. Amanda offered to cover dinner on Wednesday if no one signs up. Heidi Weaver offered a Hawaiian luau dinner as another option. Karen will keep the same basic menu to satisfy all. Families will also have an option to donate money if that works best for them. |
| **Student Store** | Kim Swanson reported the Store made $418 in the 3 days it’s been open. They have a new refrigerator and blender. Kids love the smoothies and all is going well. Ran out of smoothies on Friday and had to turn some kids away. Condee commented and thanked Kim and Debra for the great job on the store. Everything looks great and well stocked. Kim reported having lots of volunteers so far this year. |
| **Spirit Wear** | Lisa reported Spirit wear sales doing well. We sold 50% more sweatshirts at Orientation than previous years. We received 15 pre-orders for Marshall sweatpants. Asked parents to help promote sales by word of mouth. Would like to have at least 24 to place an order for greater school profit.  Our council’s Weebly site is updated and requested additional photos and info to be used on MCC tabs. Go to the Marshall website and go under MCC tab to get into the Weebly site (Marshallmcc.weebly.com). |
| **Yearbook** | Mary Rideout reported she went with yearbook company “Onterage” for our yearbooks this year. They offer a hard copy for $20. Sold 97 presale yearbooks at Orientation. Have 14 kids interested in the yearbook club. Cover is not due until February. Would like to get a theme and kids to design. Would like to include plenty of room for kids to sign books. Our new Librarian has a photography and videography background. Mary will get additional info regarding uploading pictures to an app titled “LINK” for parents to use for uploading photos. We need an activity calendar from Charlene to see opportunities for photo taking. Condee would like to ask Mr. Wark to house our school community cameras and handle checking them out. |
| **Marshall Monster Dash 5k Run – October 31st** | The 5K Run is underway. We have $2,250 in sponsors to date. We are still in need of volunteers on race day. We need prize donations for the raffle. If anyone knows anyone who owns a business who can donate anything for a prize, please let Amanda know. Still trying to procure donations for prizes. |
| **Funds Request** | Mr. Philipy is now part of our CSI Program, Citizens and Science (replaces Map). It will focus on science skills.  Would like to provide an outdoor classroom to help conduct study, go out on nice days and do their work. Picnic tables could be used and painted to use for kids to do their studies. Kids love to be outside and would take ownership. Thinking about putting the tables by the garden area. Would like to procure tables and ask MCC to help pay for them. Parent asked if Home Depot or Lowes could be asked for additional funding/discount. Benches would be available to all the teachers. Teachers could sign up to use the tables with their classes. They would be placed by the green house/garden area of the school. Parent, Amielia Renecker will look into possibly partnering with Lowes for additional discount/support. Will also look into Ace Hardware and Hardell for additional discount. Mr. Phillipy will work with parent and MCC will fund 8 tables. Mr. Phillipy will seek additional funding for others.  Question was asked about rainy days and a long term alternative. Mr. Phillipy will look into a cover down the road to help with shelter on inclement weather days. |
| **Upcoming Events &**  **New Business** | Nov 6th is the next Olympia Parks and Rec. Activity Night. It will be a fun night for students. Luke Burns will be at the next meeting to speak about it.  School clubs. Asking for staff members and parents for interest in spear heading any school clubs.  Activity Bus started today and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hope to have Homework club up and running soon. Rebekka would like to possibly start a Cooking class. Kids would like to have Ceramics club again this year. Amanda will follow-up.  Debra miles will do concessions this year for Theater. Student Programs position is available for any interested parent/s.  Holiday Giving Tree for Christmas and Baskets for Thanksgiving -- Idea of possibly allowing students to bring in change to help those in need families. Discussed alternatives of how to start working on it soon. Helps students get involved in their community. |

**Our next meeting is scheduled October 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Marshall library.**