**Marshall Community Council Meeting**

**Thursday October 10, 2013**

In Attendance: Stacey Adams, John Hitchman, Betty Holt, Craig Holt, Beth Kalb, Edward Landy, Kim Leidelmeijer, Tina Moraschi, Shannon Ritter, Stephanie Robbins Mary Jo Rydholm, Lisa Salerno, John Samson, Lisa Stock, Amanda Yonker, Leilani \_\_\_\_\_

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** |
| **Minutes** | Approved May 2013 minutes (need to amend to include MCC officer election results).Approved September 2013 minutes. |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | $23,297.47 cash on hand (in the bank) currently.Craig is working to clean up line items in the budget, e.g. remove old items like scratch pads. Craig will circulate the updated budget to board members for review and approval. |
| **Principal’s Report** | * Student led conferences will begin Tuesday Oct 22. The new format is a 30 min conference with one teacher during which the student discusses learning progress and self-reflection on all core classes using portfolio items. Two conferences will happen simultaneously in a classroom with the teacher bouncing back and forth between the student-parent discussions. Parents can request a traditional teacher-led conference if desired and parent feedback on the new conference system will be solicited after conference week.
* Mrs. Ritter wants to thank the Marshall community for its support of the FunD Run and Silent Auction. Marshall raised $9,500 this year, up from $6,500 last year. Thanks to all who donated items, “experiences”, and pledges for students.
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| **Activity Night**  | Activity Night has been rescheduled. It will be Friday Nov 22 at Marshall. |
| **PE t-shirts** | * There is concern that with the growing number of families eligible for free and reduced lunches at Marshall (currently 38% of the school population), the expenses of PE shirts, planners, science notebooks, school pictures, etc in September is burdensome. Approx. $2,000 in supplies was needed to be scholarshipped this year.
* In order to defray costs, the idea of not requiring PE shirts ($8 this year) was raised. Pros: reduced costs to families and less administration (ordering/handing out) for Marshall. Cons: students may wear regular clothes to PE and return to classes in an unacceptable state of cleanliness and the PE teachers very much appreciate student names on the front of the shirts.
* Discussion: another school in the district has just implemented a ‘students wear their own shirts’ PE policy. It will be interesting to hear how it works for them. If spreading the cost over a larger span of time would help, PE shirts could be offered at the 6th grade orientation in the spring. The idea of reusing t-shirts by graduating students was raised. Also, it may be possible to reduce the Marshall shirt cost to $5 by ordering white shirts versus gray and maroon.
* More discussion with PE staff would be helpful.
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| **Theater** | * The play is a “go” for 2014 (according to director Mr. Haws)
* Similar timeframe as last year – auditions around spring break and performances during the end of May. These production dates do not interfere with school athletics or band concerts, but do occur during the spring testing ‘season’.
* The production has not been chosen, but Stacey is working to solidify dates before they fill up.
* Researching the use of the CHS theater facilities to avoid band/stage space conflicts at Marshall.
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| **School Mural** | * Tina Moreschi applied for and received a $1,000 grant from the OSD Education Foundation to support art enrichment at Marshall. She plans to have students participate in the design and production of a 9x4 ft mosaic wall in the main entrance hall of the school.
* She envisions a design contest in which the top 4 ideas are voted on by students to determine the final choice. She would like the design to include school spirit/mascot/motto/house colors.
* Students will be invited to work on the mosaic during MMS time. In addition, small mosaics will be made on used CDs and hung from the ceiling in the hallways.
* Parents will be needed to help supervise art during MMS time once the project gets underway.
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| **Giving Tree** | * Historically, Marshall staff supports 12-15 families with a Giving tree of gifts.
* Mr. Hitchman would like to open up Giving tree donations to all Marshall families to increase the number of families supported and to inspire a sense of community.
* Privacy is an issue with Giving trees more at Marshall than at elementary schools.
* Looking to include an educational gift with a “need” gift.
* Need coordination/communication with Hansen and McLane programs
* Anyone interested in helping with this project can contact Mr. Hitchman
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| **Harlem Ambassadors** | * Friday Nov 1, 7pm at the CHS gymnasium
* Fundraiser by west Olympia Rotary
* Features Mr. Hitchman, Mrs. Ritter, Superintendent Cvitanich, and others playing entertaining basketball
* Presale tickets are $8 student/senior, $10 adults at Greene Realty and Thurston 1st banks. Day of event tickets $2 more.
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| **Yearbook** | * The yearbook committee (Audrey Young, Betsy Palapy, and Leilani) are already full steam ahead. They want approval to move to a custom cover design ($2 cost increase) and to extend a commitment with Lifetouch to get a price-break.
* No approval necessary. The committee can use their discretion.
* Plans are to continue the cost-saving soft cover format and offer a more expensive hard cover version for families that choose it.
* Price is expected to be an even $20 this year for the soft cover.
* There is $339.51 left in the MCC account from a rebate for Yearbook last year.
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| **Escrip, Haggen School Bucks, Box Tops** | * Beginning Nov 1, Safeway will no longer donate funds to schools on credit card purchases. Only cash/debit transactions will earn money for Marshall. This restriction may have a significant impact to our MCC budget. Last year, MCC raised $2,700 through Escrip and Safeway.
* A new School Bucks program is available from Haggen (formerly Top Foods). Their program earns schools 2% back on selected products only – not all purchases. Go to www. Haggen.com to link your Haggen card to Marshall.
* Lisa Stock will administer the new Haggen program and encourage Marshall families to participate.
* Box Tops are still being collected at Marshall. There is a collection box just inside the main doors.
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**Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Marshall library.**