

Marshall Mustang Organization

Virtual Board Meeting

April 8, 2025

In Attendance: Krista Dwyer, JC Soman, Joy Wood, Katie Rich, Anne Arendsen, Vanessa Neville, Julianne Super, Kelly Schmitz, Steve Olds, Suresh Menon, Traci Johnson, Tammy Gaudreau, Allyson Pehau, Theresa Cox

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.

Approval of Minutes – November with corrections, February and March

- Joy Wood motioned to approve minutes with corrections for November. JC Soman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes.

Principal Report – Steve Olds

- State Testing
 - o April 22 – 24 and April 29 – May 1, 2025
 - o Bell schedule has been adjusted to accommodate the length of the test.
 - o An updated bell schedule for testing was previously emailed to all parents.
- Open House
 - o May 8, 2025
- 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
 - o Thursday, May 29, 2025
 - o Preparations for the ceremony will begin soon.

Nominations for 2025-26 Board Positions – Joy Wood

President: Krista Dwyer
Executive Vice President: Suresh Menon
VP Communications: OPEN
VP Pledge-Drive: Katie Rich and Anne Arendsen
VP Departmental Spending: Alison Murphy
Recording Secretary: OPEN
Treasurer: Vanessa Neville
Financial Secretary: OPEN
Auditor: OPEN

Open 2025-26 Committee Positions – Krista Dwyer

PE Sales Chair(s)
8th Grade Promotion Chair(s)
Corporate Sponsorship Chair

If you know anyone interested in any of these positions, please have them contact Krista via email at marshallmustangpresident@gmail.com.

Pledge Drive – Katie Rich and Anne Arendsen

- As of 04/07/2025, we have raised \$36,225.25, which is 48.3% of our goal.
- We received approximately \$400.00 from the Restaurant Night fundraiser at Surfside Fish House.
- We are currently working on creating a banner.

8th Grade Promotion Event – Vanessa Neville and Katie Rich

- An email announcement was sent to all 8th grade families yesterday.
- MMO website has been updated – party passes, t-shirts and yard signs are available for purchase.
- We have received approximately \$2000 in sales so far.
- Families have started signing up to volunteer as party chaperones and to help distribute t-shirts and yard signs.
- Yard signs have been ordered; we are waiting for the t-shirt design from the teacher.
- The community room has been reserved for the distribution of t-shirts and yard signs.

Treasurer Report – Vanessa Neville

- Financial reports were emailed prior to the meeting and Vanessa provided an update.
- 8th grade promotion sales have a separate PayPal account which makes it easier to track.

Departmental Funding Report – JC Soman

- Provided an update on departmental spending.
- Approximately \$14,000 is available for the remainder of the school year.
- The last day to submit reimbursements is May 1. This will allow the MMO time to process paperwork before the school year ends. Steve will send an email to staff with this reminder.

Hospitality –Julianne Super

- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up.
 - Schedule: Mon – Tacos; Tues – Massage; Wed – Coffee and Smoothies; Thurs – Beverage Station; Fri – Charcuterie Boards

Social Media Update – Joy Wood

- We've gained several new followers.
- For April, I will be posting an announcement for Board and Committee positions, 8th grade promotion details, and a highlight of items and services funded by MMO to raise awareness of how contributions are being used.

Open Discussion

- Incoming 6th Grade/New Student Social
 - Suresh announced the date is confirmed for Friday, August 8, 2025.
 - Looking for ideas to provide new families with information about the MMO. Possibly a newsletter, link to website, informational flyer.
- Photography Policy at Marshall
 - Steve reported that families complete a photography release form at the beginning of each school year. Some families do not consent to having photos or video footage of their child used.
 - Krista suggested that the best practice is to avoid using student photos and to use graphics instead.
- PE Sales for Next Year
 - Suresh knows of someone who may be interested in the PE Sales position.
 - Suresh is available to help recruit high school students to assist with distributing PE uniforms.
 - Krista mentioned that sales will start earlier next year to avoid a gap between Orientation and PE Sales.
- Library Hours for Next Year
 - Steve reported that Marshall will be sharing a librarian with another school next year and library hours will change. The new schedule is not known at this time.
 - Allyson mentioned that keeping the library open after school helps ease the traffic congestion at dismissal.
- Open Board and Committee Positions
 - If you know anyone interested, please have them contact Krista via email at marshallmustangpresident@gmail.com.
- 8th Grade Promotion
 - Information regarding the party, t-shirts and yard signs can be found on the MMO's website at www.mmsfoundation.com/8th-grade-promotion.

Next meeting is May 13, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Marshall Middle School MMO Meeting Minutes submitted by Joy Wood on behalf of Recording Secretary Alison Murphy