

Marshall Mustang Organization

Virtual Board Meeting

December 12, 2023

In attendance: Kelly Melancon, JC Soman, Joy Wood, Stephen Olds, Krista Dwyer, Vanessa Neville, Audra Rosenberg

10:06 - Meeting called to order.

Approval of November minutes – JC motions to approve, Kelly seconds. Minutes approved.

Principal's Report – Stephen Olds

- Students have been attending tryouts for upcoming performing arts events.
- Ongoing discussions have been had with the 6th grade team with regards to 6th grade camp. Discussion is centering around whether or not students' camp attendance is achieving its desired goals and whether or not the program should continue. General consensus is that yes, camp has been very beneficial to the students. Benefits are that students are without electronic devices and are increasing their personal interactions with their fellow students. The downside to the camp experience is the costs, both the program costs and the amount spent on substitutes. Since not all the 6th grade teachers elected to attend camp, there were teachers from other grades that attend in their stead. This causes undesired disruptions in the 7th and 8th grades. Of note, 50% of the budget for substitutes for the school year was spent on 6th grade camp substitutes. As the cost of attending the camp continues to increase (estimated to be \$420/student next year), there is fear that the amount may be too much to ask parents to spend.
 - All but 50 students did not attend camp.
 - JC asked if parents could attend in place of teachers. Response was that the camp itself did not permit parents to attend.
 - Decision was made to enquire with other schools in SDUSD to see if there are any differences/possible improvements Marshall might be able to implement.
 - Kelly suggested potential for business sponsorships. Maybe a 6th grade t-shirt that students could receive with sponsors on it.
- The district budget process will be occurring in January
- 8th grade "Falcon Day" has been moved to February 9th, however Stephen is waiting for confirmation from the high school.

President's Report – Kelly Melancon

- Just finished meeting with the DEI committee regarding the events they would like to have. More to discussion will be needed with the head of the committee before any events are held.

Pledge Drive Report – Krista Dwyer

- We have brought in about 55% of our goal, \$36k.
- Corporate sponsorships are very low year over year.
- Looking to an end of year push

- Stephen stated he will include a push for pledge drive in his weekly message

Treasurer's Report – Vanessa Neville

- Nothing new to report. Still have a healthy reserve. Expenses are currently keeping pace with our incoming revenue.

Departmental Funding Report – JC Soman

- PE department has a line item that is over budget (tumbling mats, \$4.8k). The purchase would put them \$1.2k over budget.
- Kelly motions to increase the PE department's budget to cover the \$1.2k overage. JC seconds motion. Motion is approved.
- Kelly motions to increase the PE department's budget an additional \$2k to cover any additional expenses during the remainder of the year. JC seconds motion. Motion is approved.

Open Discussion/Roundtable

- Stephen discusses the Mike Power's self-defense classes. Classes were paid for by the MMO. Stephen remarked on how much the kids enjoyed the class and that he appreciates the message of conflict resolution and de-escalation. Overriding theme being that if you can walk away at any time, then it's not self-defense. Emphasis on self-defense maneuvers being used as a last resort only.
- Stephen states that in looking at the school disciplinary data, suspensions and other disciplinary actions taken are down year over year. The school has found that having personnel at the ingress-/egress points has been helpful.
- MMO sponsored speaker, John Moffett, led a discussion with the 8th grade class regarding cyber education. Kelly stated that the program was very informative and successful and perhaps should be expanded to the 6th and 7th grade classes. Kelly will be following up with the speaker to see if he had programs available for the younger grades.
 - Kelly motioned for a \$3k increase in the Assemblies budget line to cover these additional programs. Joy seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Audra discussed another speaker, Rocky, who did some community programs regarding fentanyl abuse. Stephen agreed that a community program at Marshall would be great. Audra will be following up with the speaker on availability.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 2024 at 10 AM.

Notes taken by MMO Treasurer, Vanessa Neville