

Marshall Mustang Organization

Virtual Board Meeting

Nov 9, 2021

Call to order: Kelli Melancon 9:02 am

In attendance: Josh Way, Kelly Melancon, Cindi Pesce, Gail Faber, Winnie Faye, Jenny Cornelissen, Ginger Colletto, Krista Dwyer, Shana Kinnerup, Susan Kilmer, Angela Frantz, Rejhane Adams, Jodi Granieri, Christina Riehl, Sarabeth Velazquez, Jeannie Stuzka

Approval of Sept/October meeting minutes and VP Interview panel minutes, Krista motion, Kelly 2nd; **approved**

Principals Report: Josh Way

Events - level 2 interviews for VP. Tonight - Parent presentation for Suicide Awareness. Via zoom - talk about signs of suicide, things to be aware of. 1st week of December they will meet with 7th grade history classes. How to report, what to report - self injury/self harm as well. People there will observe for follow up - pinpoint students to look out for. Can we make up for the 8th graders that missed out last year? There is a video. Not enough resources to do in person. Will tonight be recorded? Yes. Also met with staff last Monday.

Nov 18 at 5:30 pm - John Moffatt, internet safety presentation to families.

Elf Jr next week, Into the Woods in the spring also a 3 act play

Friday is a normal school day. Students absent will be excused - no penalty for missing. Talk to the teacher if you are concerned - may just be review, others will instruct. What do the teachers say? It's mixed. Anticipate a big vacation day. Our teacher vacancies are low. Last week 7 were out and didn't get 5 subs. Science was in the MPR. This Friday should be ok - it's an odd day with Thursday being off. High school is looking at it as optional - hard when all the schools are different in their plan.

Unexpected loss of teachers - can we work on this for next year?

Start time next year? Will change, not sure what time yet. Also looking at the schedule as a whole - still waiting for details. Meeting Monday to discuss - will have a focus group to look at the bell schedule. Teachers and staff will determine.

Excessing teachers - forces beyond our control, covid issues as well. Hoping to get teachers back and get MMS back to normal. Numbers - did what we could to accept choice students. Did not go virtual - families moved or moved schools. We project in Feb/March the number of students so they have staff planned but a lot changes.

Re: Friday - will we add a day to the end of the school year? No

Re: 8th grade suicide prevention presentation - missing a lot of info. 8th grade did receive last week, half of 6th graders only received sex info. Curriculum will get in spring. Bullying/sex harrassment last week. Suicide awareness - need to get info to 8th graders. Not a funding issue - the organization has limited resources. We have the money - we can look at how to get the 8th graders the info.

Presidents Report: Kelly Melancon

8th grade promotion - Angela Frantz.

Happy hour - talking to venues

Coffee chat in person - will it happen? Maybe at night or during the day? Limited to size - would have to be outdoors. Let's look at this.

Pledge Drive: Krista Dwyer

Goal \$65,000. Today \$48,463.83, \$2500 subscriptions = \$51,066.33 (78%)

Social media post this week. Also the 23rd is Giving Tuesday. Company match as well. Please like posts on FB.

2 years ago - post didn't do much - what can we do in November? Email or text? Maybe we do personal post spreading thanks and positivity - "don't forget to pledge". Hard to find the MMS parent page as a new parent. What about a newsletter that comes out weekly or monthly? Go to MMS website and click on drop down for parents, then MMO. Pages setup with different names - working on getting info out. Parent page set up as an informal page

8th Grade Promotion: Angela Frantz

Keep close to home in the field like a carnival with rides, games, dance party (foam pit). Need helpers, need approval - will need to follow guidelines. Also look at rules for using the field. City park after 3pm - bound by county guidelines. Will get a meeting on the calendar.

Departmental Funding: Jodi Granieri

Spent \$12,000 - have \$53,000 left. More coming weekly than last year. Can teachers promote what they are thankful for - parents are not aware of what is happening at the school. Yes! Last year we got a lot of PE stuff - Kelly to get pics to use.

Treasurer: Winnie Faye

Wrote check for risky behavior enrichment program - can highlight for MMO.

Corporate Sponsorship: Ginger Colletto

Banners tidied up - removed 2 and moved others. 8 sponsors - 6 renewed for fall. \$3000 so far have logos on the web. We are missing 1 banner - email Shana

If parents want to donate should they do a banner or donate? It all goes to the same pot so encourage both. \$500 banner to advertise. If they own a company are they doing both? Pledge per student is low - only 148 families. Grateful for any money they give - provide other avenues, also restaurant nights.

Social Media: Jenny Cornelissen

2 posts on suicide prevention, Veterans Day schedule, also pledge drive. Do we need more posts? Most of MMS posts are reprints from emails. Some specific to grade levels - most middle schoolers not on social media so it's the parents.

Newsletters - MMO doesn't have one. There used to be one 10 years ago. We need to think about visibility. Pre-covid had a day where parents came on campus and we promoted the MMO then.

Open Discussion

Will 8th graders have a high school tour? We have done a Falcon Day in the past. Counselors working on it now - possibly in February (early spring).

MMS Foundation page - we need to update the board info. Get info to Josh Sitton

New grading system - presentation delayed, some departments using, it's confusing. Should be uniform - need guidelines for parents. Standards for teachers? Should be addressed. Yes, we need continuity. Retakes and revisions should already be happening. If you have questions, look at the syllabus - the teacher should have communicated. Practice work not necessarily graded. Need to discuss further. Hard to see this is helpful if it's based on 1 not test and not all the work. Not serving its purpose - does not reflect what they truly know. It was a progress report only - only 6 weeks in time. Only can get a C if they need to retake - no other opportunities to work on the grade. Mastery is set at a C, next year will be a B. Look at mastery, not the grade. What if they get nervous at test time? Need to recommunicate to families.

5th graders coming to Marshall? Not set up yet. They used to take a bus.

Adjournment of Marshall Middle School MMO

Executive Board Meeting at 10:14 am

Next meeting Dec. 14, 2021 9am

Cindi Pesce

**Marshall Middle School MMO Recording
Secretary**