

# **Marshall Mustang Organization**

## **Virtual Board Meeting**

**Sept 14, 2021**

**Call to order: Kelli Melancon 9:02 am**

In attendance: Josh Way, Cindi Pesce, Kelly Melancon, Gail Faber, Winnie Faye, Jenny Cornelissen, Atousa Monzajeb, Ginger Colletto, Terresa Jones, Grace Oppedisano, Kelly Schmitz, Krista Dwyer, Sarabeth Velazquez, Christina Riehl, Jodi Granieri, Shana Kinnerup, Jeannine Stuzka.

**Approval of June minutes:** Atousa 1st, Krista 2nd; **approved**

**Principals Report: Josh Way**

Week 3 on campus- great to be back! ASB meeting, music at lunch, clubs meeting, 6th graders are excited. Few issues with behavior and conduct. Back to school night - would love feedback. PE clothes - thanks to the team. Planners - not here yet. Picture day Friday during PE. ASB - many ideas for Halloween and sports.

Covid testing - a challenge. Letting the district take the lead - must sign consent. Our nurse can do a rapid test on site. Not pulling kids out of class to test - done from 12 to 3pm. Yesterday they came at 8 am - we weren't ready for 700 kids. Not clear how it will work yet. If a student wants to get tested we will have dates and times. Some schools have been running out of tests. Testing will be every Monday from 8 to 3, now 900 kids signed up. Can't do it all in one day. Will do for those who want or need also those who need for contact tracing. No confirmed cases - 44 to 47 home now. Some kids home due to family situations. Harder with staff. District has given us 2 visiting teachers, subs. They will be on site to help with that situation.

**Presidents Report: Kelly Melancon**

PE Sales - \$32,500. \$48,000 gross sales. \$15,000 goes back to the school for sweatshirts and locks. Budget was high to start. \$25,213 to buy uniforms, \$200 over budget, prices were higher.

We need more t-shirts. We have 800 shirts and 900 shorts in stock. **Kelly motion to approve \$1000 for budget, Jenny 2nd; approved**

PE Online store - changes this year. Ordering was easy, less in person needs, able to print out orders. Need someone for next year. Also need an 8th grade promotion party person. Will we have things in place for approval or denial of these events? Current guidelines? Homecoming was cancelled. Recommend we book at SD State to hold the date. Onsite vs. Offsite - does that matter? Still having everyone masked and 6' apart. Will be tricky to move the event away from the school. We should have a plan B and C - maybe something outdoors. To reserve we need a deposit - lets see if we can get our money back if necessary. Most contracts give money back if the government shuts it down. Date is already reserved.

### **Hospitality: Gail Faber**

Welcome back BBQ - got food for staff and teachers.

### **Pledge Drive: Krista Dwyer**

At \$35,885 now. \$28,630 in hand, co-match \$3340. Subscription \$3915. \$70000 goal at 51% now. Did the 2nd magnet drop today. Facebook posts - add comments to bump it up. Average is \$240 level, a lot of \$500+. In 2019 only 350 people donated. About 1360 kids on campus. How many families? Maybe 1000-1100. Should we track participation numbers? 130 donations since the 30th, no duplicates. Maybe Dr. Way can send an email out? Yes. Social media posts also? Can we highlight things we have purchased? Kelly wants to focus on a time period. Ask for the money then highlight what was purchased. Also use back to school for thank yous to MMO.

### **Treasurer: Winnie Faye**

P & L good as of Friday. Pledge \$48000 over budget. Departmental funding on budget. Essential Supplies - \$20,000 budget, Cameron Brown new band program - have beginning band for 6th graders. Added 1 band class and 1 orchestra class - combined advanced and intermediate classes. Bought a music library. New Math program - provides real world current event challenges, ex. Crime, homelessness, pandemic

### **Departmental Funding: Jodi Granieri**

\$4400 spent. Teachers request money, send to Josh then MMO cuts a check.

## **Social Media: Jenny Cornelissen**

147 Instagram followers. Lots of FB posts - reached 2291 people, over 500 clicked. Let Jenny know if you see any errors. Like and comment any posts about MMO. FB parent group different - share posts here from Marshall FB page. High school uses Insta for a lot.

## **Corporate Sponsorship: Ginger Colletto**

Sending renewals this week. Two interests already. Gail on board, Atousa sent email. Will reach out to Jenny.

## **Open Discussion**

Atousa - PE sales good. Parents said they liked the menor program. Jodi - her daughter had a hard time following up with kids via phone. Also 6th graders are not always receptive. Clubs are coming back. Orientation was great, good for new kids to connect.

Beginning band is great - good opportunity. Cameron decided to add a beginning class. Can we get a club where kids can come to vent? Somewhere to talk about it, process, maybe some activists - what can we do about it? Maybe an animal care club? Counselors visiting classrooms once a month with lessons for 6th graders.

FYI - we have plenty of space and plenty of food at lunch!

Gail - in PE are kids running in masks? Kids doing pushups on the black top. Hot in the afternoons. Masks are required outside but if running they can take it off - during physical exertion use 6' distance. No discipline for no mask wearing just have to move to virtual learning.

We have clubs but teachers don't have office hours? We can do virtual or find another way. Teachers can meet with students anytime.

Free lunches? No breakfast but still have lunch. Lunch room has lost a lot of staff - they are trying to revamp. It all changed this year.

**Adjournment of Marshall Middle School MMO**

**Executive Board Meeting at 10:13 am**

**Next meeting Oct. 12, 2021**

**Cindi Pesce**

**Marshall Middle School MMO Recording  
Secretary**