

Marshall Mustang Organization

Virtual Board Meeting

April 14, 2026

In attendance: Krista Dwyer, Suresh Menon, Stephen Olds, Allyson Pehau, Naomi Chavez, Anne Arendson, Sara Siegrist, Saurabh Singhal, Traci Johnson, Krishna Guttikonda, Judy Purcell, Tasha Forbes, and Julianne Super

10:03 - **Call to Order:** Krista Dwyer

10:04 - **Principal's Report:** Stephen Olds

Stephen provided an update on upcoming annual state testing, explaining that a modified bell schedule with longer block periods would be implemented for the next two weeks, followed by makeup testing the following week. He noted that online registration would replace traditional first-day packets for MMO, prompting a discussion about alternative methods for promoting the organization, including email communications and paper with envelopes for those who prefer to write checks.

10:08- **President Report:** Krista and Suresh

Krista and Stephen discussed coordination of promotion materials and messaging, with Stephen offering to help with distribution through various channels including email and classroom messaging. Krista reported progress on volunteer coordination for the promotion party, noting that while sales end next Friday, the promotion team may accommodate last-minute ticket purchases. The meeting covered board nominations for the 2026-27 school year, with several positions confirmed including Suresh as President-elect, Vanessa as Treasurer, and Joy Wood returning as VP of Communications. Suresh suggested adding safety responsibilities to the front office coordinator role, and Allyson confirmed her willingness to volunteer for this position.

10:15- **8th Grade Promotion Party Update:** Krista

The meeting covered updates on the 8th grade promotion party, with Krista reporting that preparations were progressing well and only pending items included insurance certificates and finalizing yard signs and t-shirts after ticket sales next Friday.

10:20- **Funding Updates and Department Spending:** Krista and Suresh

The group discussed funding updates and departmental spending. Suresh clarified that grant recipients only need to submit a one-page write-up with a photograph showing student benefits, not a full audit. Krista reported on upgrades to Mr. Sussman's theater group totaling \$9,700, which were approved using Prop 28 funds, and Stephen agreed to address lighting issues outside the theater. Vanessa provided a treasurer's report noting significant PE purchases that dipped into reserves but left about \$90,000 remaining, and discussed ongoing reconciliation of grant money allocations with Suresh and Krista. The group also addressed pending departmental spending summaries, with choir's funds fully allocated and science requiring further review, while waiting for clarification from Luke regarding choir's fundraising situation and whether the MMO should hold the funds.

Suresh discussed issues with banner placement due to wind, receiving approval from Stephen to add banners on both sides of the gate and along the right side as cars approach the school. The group also discussed a grant opportunity, with Suresh requesting teachers to submit ideas by August or September 10th before the formal proposal is written. Suresh shared news about the school's music program achievements, with the intermediate band receiving gold (top 10%) and orchestra receiving silver (top 20%) rankings nationally.

10:38- Hospitality Report: Julianne

Julianne proposed a Teacher Appreciation Challenge where students would nominate teachers for awards based on criteria like best decorated classroom or most positive influence, but Stephen raised concerns about timing conflicts with teachers' duty-free lunch periods. The group agreed to modify the plan to conduct the challenge before or after school instead of during lunch, and Allyson suggested involving ASB in the process to share the workload, which Julianne agreed to explore.

10:44- Approve March Meeting Minutes

Suresh approved first and Julianne second the approval of the March minutes

10:45- Promotion Party

The team discussed logistics for an upcoming promotion party, focusing on field access timing and vendor coordination. Krishna requested early field access, and Stephen agreed to coordinate with PE teachers, asking for an email with specific timing requirements. The group also discussed production timelines for yard signs and t-shirts, with Judy noting that generic signs could start production earlier while personalized ones required exact name lists. Krista

expressed concern about the tight timeline for t-shirt delivery, suggesting they push Ralph for earlier production and explore using stock inventory to meet the May 15th party deadline.

10:46- Open Discussion

The winning 8th grade t-shirt design design, featuring a glow theme, was announced and will be displayed on the MMO website. The team discussed issues with the PE shorts' transparency and planned to communicate with Ralph about potential solutions, including the possibility of adding liners. They also addressed the need for better communication and oversight during future deliveries.

10:50- Adjourn

Marshall Middle School MMO, Recording Secretary, Allyson Pehau

Adjournment of Marshall Middle School MMO Executive Board Meeting at 10:50 am

Tuesday, May 12th at 10 am in the library is the next MMO meeting