

Milwaukee High School of the Arts
School Governance Council
Sept. 22, 2011

Present: B. Applewhite, B. Wisniewski, M. Treder, K. Katter, V. Katter, N. Peterson, S. Raasch, T. Turner, M. Warren

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m with a quorum present by T. Turner. Meeting minutes from June (emailed in advance) were approved with thanks to M. Kane for her service. M. Warren was voted the new Secretary and M. Treder was voted a new parent member of SGC.

Principal's Report: Principal submitted written update (attached) highlighting mission statement. K. Katter further explained PBIS and highlighted the acronym STAR (Safe, Timely, Accountable, Respectful). He stressed the need for district implementation of needed staff aligned to individual school needs as opposed to mandated staff to appropriately support MHSA in its objectives. Our deficit has not yet been approved for forgiveness. Enrollment is 932 – exceeding “meet or beat” numbers from Spring, yet still not supporting the needs of the mission due to unfunded mandates. Rehearsal for hallway travel was implemented to facilitate over enrollment.

Staff Report:

K. Katter reported laptop and reimbursement issues. MAP Testing should be rethought for larger time blocks and efficiency. Request for school-wide topical reading projects. All-school promotion of “The Big Read” through Milwaukee Repertory Theatre of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Kick-off is Sept. 26, 2011 at the Rep. Programming seems to be on track. We lost one guidance councilor.

B. Wisniewski reported that the school climate is good, attributed to procedures and recruitment. Robotics classes going well and now accepted by UW system from DPI syllabus meeting science entrance requirements (interjected from research by T. Turner). Looking at ways technical support can be given to assist teaching and testing.

S. Raasch for S. Crane (unable to attend) explained time constraints of academic hour parameters and log-in requirements for MAP testing. Literacy plans were discussed including book clubs and making library accessible to parents. Book store was complimented as an avenue to literacy and a great job overall, valuable to teaching and learning.

Community Report: V. Katter reported that grant for strategic planning was unsuccessful but would be tried again this year. Panels for front of school are on track and installation is in planning stages. Fundraisers are still in planning stages for CARS (Catch a Rising Star).

Student Report: N/A Student reps not present yet.

New Business: Jewish Museum Milwaukee will be attended by classes for their special Mildred Fish-Harnak exhibit . K. Katter will facilitate with Ellie Gettinger at JMM. Every student should know who Mildred Fish-Harnak was. M. Warren suggested an additional day dedicated to her study during Women's History Month (March).

6th Grade Students from Golda Meir School will visit MHSA briefly on November 16th and 23rd (30 students per visit) after JMM art experience to see the plaque and perhaps a dance piece created in her honor. Recruitment opportunity.

West Division Alumnae group to have a belated prom at MHSA. V. Katter will contact them using mailing list from C. Wszalek. Music potentially provided by MHSA live.

Old Business: Laptops for English class requirements not yet delivered.

Tasks: Assigned by T. Turner and accepted by implementers:

- B. Applewhite: Pursue rescheduling of MAP tests with S. Crane.
- B. Applewhite: Contact new finance staff at Central Office for reimbursement of K. Katter (POL national competition expenses) and S. Raasch (Title I Reimbursement) immediately.
- T. Turner: Submit approved June minutes for posting to C. Wszalek.
- T. Turner: Send contact for Dal Drummer to V. Katter Re installation.
- T. Turner : Contact C. Wszalek and Sandra Jordan Re: GM visit.
- B. Wisniewski: Deliver 4 working laptops to each English class.
- K. Katter: Facilitate contact of student representative with B. Applewhite.
- K. Katter: Facilitate JMM contact for teachers interested.

Next Meeting: No meeting scheduled for October due to conferences and open house. SGC business will be implemented at Open House general parent meeting October 12, 2011. Additional SGC meeting will take place in January when budget is decided upon to meet 10 meeting requirement.

Next SGC meeting November 10, 2011.

Meeting moved to adjourn by K. Katter at 7:28 p.m., seconded by M. Warren, approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Warren