

Milwaukee High School of the Arts  
School Governance Council  
February 17, 2011

*Present:* B. Applewhite, A. Banks, M. Kane, K. Katter, V. Katter, N. Peterson S. Raasch, Maggie Reddman, T. Turner, and B. Wisniewski.

*Guest:* K. Mutch, MS, RD, CD, Director of School Nutrition Services at Milwaukee Public Schools

T. Turner welcomed all present, and introduce guest, K. Mutch.

T. Turner gave K. Mutch the floor starting the conversation with a discussion of the vending machine available to students during lunch periods. MHSA will be getting second vending machine costing \$10,000. MPS is in the process of hiring a vending manager to trouble shoot machines. The food, wraps and salads, is made in our kitchen for the vending machine. Efforts are made to buy from local growers, pea shoots and sunflower sprouts from Growing Power. Conversations are occurring with Sweet Water to get greens for salads. Currently, our own community garden would/could not be allowed to supply food to MHSA. Sixty eight percent of the money spent by MPS for nutrition service is either grown or produced within 250 miles of Milwaukee. Next year's goal is to increase that by 25%. MPS's menu of the day is meeting Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign criteria and goals. MPS is in line with the Institute of Medicine's goals with the exemption of the sodium criteria, MPS is too high. MPS is one of the first districts in the country to eliminate high fructose corn syrup in chocolate milk. The biggest limitation in MPS's food service is the national reimbursement for free eligible students, \$2.68. 95,000 meals are prepared by MPS per day. Competitive vending machines having healthful foods are supposed to be off during meal serving times. B. Wisniewski asked about the use of produce from MHSA's moderate school greenhouse and hydroponic garden. Due to regulations and large volume of food served, K. Mutch suggested coinciding the harvest from our school's modest garden sources with the school's menu. Salad bars have draw backs. From previous experience the largest draw back being 50% waste and the most popular items on the salad bar were canned fruit. Dedicated staff is also needed for a salad bar, not an efficient use of labor. MPS is doing a trial at Milwaukee School of Languages allowing for self serve of fruit and vegetable items. MHSA if interested could try this paradigm. The issue of adolescents especially males with very high caloric needs getting more to eat is supported with the self serve sides and the availability of additional bread and butter. Bread products are 85% whole wheat, all pizza is made with white whole wheat in an effort to make sure that what is there is nutritious, no trans fatty acids, no MSG. All meat served is precooked because of requirements.

Motion made and carried to become a self serve side school and procure a second vending machine.

K. Mutch will investigate the possibility of a potato bar, more vegetarian options are being considered.

M. Reddman stated students would like more vegetarian. Discussion ensued as to the dietary restrictions, limitations, and considerations for which MPS must accommodate.

K. Mutch stated MPS has yet to have a school meet The HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC). The challenge includes both a nutritional and physical education curriculum. Discussion supported the feasibility of the challenge at MHSA.

M. Kane asked about the availability of milk to buy. Presently, it is only available in the hot lunch line and vending machine line. K. Mutch suggested that along with the assistance of Ms Shaw and student assistance, a milk and water station could be established. It would provide an inventory/cash in and out experience for students.

Motion was moved to investigate The HealthierUS School Challenge application, with the assistance of Ms Shaw to serve milk and water, and have MHSA next on the list for self serve sides.

Meeting minutes for the SGC Emergency Budget Meeting on January 21, 2011 were approved with minor corrections.

**Principal's report:**

Budget presentation will be on February 24, 2011. Talent development funds are probably not available. B. Applewhite said next year we really have to think about using Partnership for the Arts funds, and community partners. We did get the grant from GE for math and science, but now GE is wondering why they went into this grant with the budget like this. Enrollment for next year looks good at 927. We need to be at 945 on the third Friday. S. Raasch mentioned a letter sent by King to new MHSA students

congratulating them for their admittance to King. Motion made to send a letter to new MHSA students to reassure their admission to MHSA including a complementary Hairspray ticket.

**Community report:**

Crimson Gig is March 4, 2011. Tickets sales are doing well. Silent auction items are rolling in. Three to six thousand dollars is the goal. Volunteers from MHSA are being requested for serving. Vocal jazz and jazz lab will be doing performances. MHSA student, Gunner Raasch will be the MC for the evening.

**Staff report:**

K. Katter reported that Poetry at Large went to regionals last week competing against University School. MHSA took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. MHSA will represent the region. All our students performed extremely well. T. Turner will email information concerning a speech contest for \$2500 to K. Katter. Currently, there are only 3 entries.

**New business**

M. Kane mentioned the need to send SGC information and self nomination information to parents for next year's SGC parent representatives no later than the third week in March. Department chairs via letter will again be asked to solicit parents to consider SGC membership.

B. Applewhite mentioned the peaceful student walkout today protesting Governor Scott Walker's proposed budget repair bill. B. Applewhite complemented MHSA staff's commitment to their students.

MHSA will be performing for GE on February 23, 2011.

Motion to adjourn meeting was approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kane