

Milwaukee High School of the Arts
School Governance Council
May 12, 2011

Present: B. Applewhite, S. Craine, M. Kane, V. Katter, G. Raasch, S. Raasch, T. Turner, and M. Warren

T. Turner called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present therefore no voting will occur.

Community Report: V. Katter reported that CARS is closing the books on this year's Crimson Gig with net earnings of \$4,000. CARS is sponsoring NHS activities by fronting money for their activities such as 2011 Pirates. CARS will be discussing at their next meeting sponsoring artwork for the school's exterior.

Staff Report: B. Wisniewski reported spending down some of the monies available to the science department acquiring additional robotics kits anticipating increased enrollment in that course next year. B. Wisniewski advocated the use of Intel Essentials to enhance teaching and learning for staff and students. K. Katter's Washington DC trip was approved so that she will be refunded from the school's account. K. Katter's receipts need to be submitted, which they have been. Willie Hines has set forth a general resolution for a special award honoring K. Katter, C. Tribble, and A. Martin from City of Milwaukee Common Council recognizing their Poetry Out Loud accomplishments.

Principal's Report: B. Applewhite reported next year's enrollment is sitting at 999 students. Next year's freshman class is smaller at 239 students. We are looking for possibly 2 science teachers and 1 Spanish teacher with the required arts credits. Staffing is based on the 3rd Friday attendance number. Staffing and requirements for physical education are being re-evaluated. MHSA had the second highest WKCE scores for Milwaukee Public School district.

New Business: B. Applewhite reported that MHSA will be able to absorb next year's enrollment with the existing facility and will not need satellite facilities. SGC recruitment is needed for next school year. There is one candidate for SGC and freshman parents interested in SGC membership. Department chairs are again being asked to solicit new parents for SGC membership. One parent member must be replaced for next school year, but having additional parent members would make quorum requirements manageable. The subject of a later school dismissal time was brought up by R. Janes via email to T. Turner. Discussion ensued, concluding with the suggestions that production rehearsals be run as a zero hour class as is other AP classes receiving credit.

Student Report: G. Raasch reported that Comedy Sports playoffs are this Saturday, May 14, 2011. Senior picnic is being planned with the help of T. Adair at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Old Business: T. Turner led the discussion of MHSA students contributing to efforts off MHSA campus in the arts areas. PTSO is selling tickets for their annual fundraiser at the Skylight featuring *Adding Machine-A Musical* on May 18, 2011.

SGC would like to congratulate the MHSA staff for the 2010-2011 year of successful performances!

The next SGC meeting is June 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kane