

Milwaukee High School of the Arts  
School Governance Council  
October 21, 2010

*Present:* B. Applewhite, S. Craine A. Banks, K. Bova, J. Felske, M. Johnson, M. Kane, A. Quimby Mathias, N. Peterson, T. Turner, M. Warren, B. Wisniewski,

Minutes were approved for the September 16, 2010 meeting.

T. Turner welcomed all and proceeded with introductions.

**Principals report:**

B. Applewhite distributed the MPS, Region: Central report addressing enrollment, attendance, and suspension rates comparing 2009-10 to 2010-11 school years. MHSa current enrollment is 914 students. 15.9% of the student body is Special Ed. The 2009 mobility rate is 3.7% and the 2008 stability is 84.2%. MHSa is not losing students, and students enrolled are returning for the subsequent academic year. MHSa's 2010 attendance rate is up at 96% and the suspension rate is down. The reduction in suspension rate is attributed to new discipline procedure. Discipline starts in the classroom first; MHSa does not jump to suspend students. MSHa counsels the students first. MHSa uses detentions before suspending students. MHSa has noticed that suspension rates go up right before the holidays. Pro actively, MHSa started Project X, "hall sweep" to decrease the number of tardy students and suspension rates. MHSa is in good standing on the MPS Region: Central report.

**Staff report:**

B. Wisniewski wanted the following report read into the meeting minutes in his absence. *Wiz attended the Professional Learning Community Institute\* in Minneapolis. It was sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). He will report to the faculty at the 1 Nov. faculty Meeting. NSTA will include an expanded institute during its annual meeting in San Francisco this March. We are considering the possibility of sending a team to cover the full range of presentations planned for that meeting. More in Nov. That's my story and I'm sticking with it. \*Big binder of information!!*

B. Applewhite added Professional Learning Committee structure is aligned with Understanding by Design which we have at MHSa. B. Wisniewski will also be presenting at MHSa faculty meeting.

S. Craine reported that all purchased PSAT tests were sold this year. Next year more tests will be ordered. Kasia Wisniewski success was featured in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on October 21, 2010. Map testing went very well this year. Smart testing was very engaging to MHSa freshman. Ms. Strube is in charge of the results and use of scores. Discussion ensued on the use of map testing, results, intervention and preparation for WKCE testing.

**Student report:**

No student report.

Spirit week will be the first week in November culminating in a 70's dance on November 5, 2010. The dance will be in the gym. The music will be reviewed prior to the dance. Senior advisors will recruit for chaperons.

**Action Point:** T. Turner will contact Chris Wszalek to solicit chaperons for the Back to the 70's Day dance on November 5, 2010 via the school news letter. Potential chaperones should contact Mr. Roberts or Dr. Lobley.

Math tutoring is happening every day. Audition dates for next school year are November 1, 2010 at 6:00PM and November 6, 2010 at 10:00AM.

Discussion of Salad Bar with Kymm Mutch Nutrition along with MHSA community Garden was postponed to a later date.

**New Business:**

A. Quimby Mathias highlighted the 2010 National Public Lands Celebration at Lynden Hill. A string quartet from MHSA performed at the event. Several of the chalk art winners were from MHSA. The Friends of Lynden Hill would like to put up a sign or plaque of recognition to MHSA's class of 2010 for the gift of \$250 to support their community garden. Friends of Lynden Hill would like to incorporate MHSA art work in the garden. Friends of Lynden Hill would like to offer their area for outdoor concerts or art shows. Working with C. Wszalek could facilitate this.

Non-aerobic physical education options were discussed. Possible suggestions included weight lifting and yoga. The Department of Public Instruction requires all physical education classes be taught by a licensed instructor.

**Action Point:** S. Craine will call the DPI and look into non-aerobic Physical Education classes.

S. Craine referenced MATC as the most economical source of credit outside of MPS for physical education credits. A student can acquire up to 2 credits from a source outside of MPS to meet graduation requirements.

**Action Point:** S. Craine will put on-line off campus class information in the MHSA newsletter.

The first Coffee, Cake, and Conversation will occur on November 16, 2010 at 7:30AM. Getting MPS credits for on-line course work was suggested.

**Action Point:** S. Craine will discuss getting off campus credits/on-line courses at the first Coffee, Cake, and Conversation gathering on November 16, 2010.

**Action Point:** A. Quimby Mathias will work with C. Wszalek on social networking.

**Old Business:**

C. Wszalek has the contact information for the Journal Achiever Award sponsored by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and will ensure that MHSA is included in the 2010-11 awards.

Recycle bins are in all classrooms. Teachers will put the bin outside classroom for emptying. Engineers will sort and put materials in bin outdoors.

**Action Point:** B. Applewhite will remind staff to recycle paper and cardboard.

Parent Assistant booth at Open House generated about 200 new sign-ups.

Motion was approved to schedule the next two SGC meetings on November 11, 2010 and December 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kane