

Welcome

Present: Mr. Applewhite, Alison Keefe, Deb Verhagen, Janet Goudy, Joe Bova, Ron, Clohessy, Blaine Wisniewski, Kathy Katter, Vince Katter, Blanche Brown, Lauren Reed, Mary Jo Glaspey

Excused: Nia Obotette, Susan Thomas and Rhonda Davis-Wright.

Absent: Student SGC member--conflict with after school sports.

August Minutes approved.

Council agrees to hear agenda items out of order to accommodate guest.

New Business

✓ MHS Dance Major Lauren Reed is requesting that the Council and CARS consider a request to subsidize her private dance lessons. These lessons would be in addition to the classes she attends at MHSA. She is passionate about her major and would like to take more dance classes but does not have the personal means to cover costs. It was moved and approved that the SGC will discuss the request as will the CARS Foundation at a future meeting.

Council Elections

- ✓ Joe Bova-Nominee for parent representative for SGC. Joe is guardian to a junior, vocal major.
- ✓ Ron Clohessy- Nominee for Parent- representative for SGC. Ron has a daughter; she is a junior and Creative Writing Major.
- ✓ Community Member Vince Katter was nominated to continue as the SGC community member.

Nominees were welcomed to the SGC and appointments approved.

Comments from the Principal

- ✓ Special Ed population is lower this year from last from 162-135.
- ✓ Currently MHSA has 882 students enrolled which is short by 15 seats that must be purchased for COS at a cost of \$8700 per seat. MHSA is staffed for 870. Budgetary shortages will be absorbed by the supplementary fund.
- ✓ Mr. Applewhite addressed the SGC about Ms. Charlene Hardin's trip to Philadelphia. The trip was approved by Central Services and funded by MHSA's Surplus funds. The rationale for the trip was to bring back information that could be helpful to the security concerns of the new arts campus. Mr. Applewhite will request that attendees provide the SGC with a report on what was learned by attending the conference.
- ✓ Ed Plan—MHSA does not meet AYP in reading and language for African-American male students. There is an urgent need to address this inadequacy and a plan to identify those students and provide remedial instruction.
- ✓ There were 120 suspensions. The number of days per suspension have decreased. Motivational assemblies are making a difference.
- ✓ MHSA has a half-time Librarian. The library has made improvements and several computer stations have been installed. The suggestion was made that a UWM student librarian may be a mutually beneficial partnership. Mr. Applewhite will check with Librarian re: her needs and make contact with UWM

Mr. Wisniewski's Electronic Arts Update

- ✓ Resources must be paired with interests of students. Popular areas of computer-integrated curriculum can be found in Robotics, Game design and development, and visualization in concert with the math dept. Mathematica still a possibility, sonification, and Extreme sports. Discovery World and GE are strong possibilities for partnering with MHSA. It was suggested that a practical place to start would be with a science club to generate interest or to use the theater dept model of "senior projects". Wiz will follow up at next SGC meeting.

Carry Over Items:

Compensation for school Newsletter editor—where are the funds coming from? Sara has agreed to provide services as a sole proprietor.

Music in Lynden Park—Nia

Update on ABC's—Mr. Applewhite

How can we encourage Parent Assistant use?

Open House Recap