

MHS Home & School Association
Meeting Agenda
Dec. 10, 2020 (via Zoom)

In Attendance:

Mercy Varghese	Sarah Spletzer	Shane Bone	Courtney Kusy
Dr. Sorgini	Cindy Hartson	Gabby Winters	Michelle Petko
Andrea Hargrove	Deborah Knawby	Adam Wartell	Colleen Kutz
Sheeja Sarada	Sophia Pham		

Welcome – Introductions – Mercy welcomed everyone

MHS Staff Reports

Principal – Jason Sorgini – Dr. Sorgini reported:

- He sent his Happenings email and video out today. The last thing in the email is about registering for the PSAT. The Happenings email and video are quite lengthy.
- Next week is the midpoint for the 2nd marking period. We are encouraging parents to follow along on student progress on PowerSchool and Google Classroom. We will be communicating with families, especially when we feel students are struggling. Parents can see grades 24/7 with PowerSchool, but it is important to communicate between staff and parents. There are academic struggles as well as emotional struggles and behavioral issues.

- Looking ahead to the next school year, the Program Planning guide for the 2021-22 school year will be released soon. There is information about waivers, acceleration, the creation of new courses, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses, and a change to include a finance course within FCS.

- The high school is creating a new video for scheduling for 8th grade families. Course selection information for current 9th through 11th graders will be available in early February. There will be guidance presentations, recommendations from teachers, and individualized conversations with students, by Zoom.

- Reminder, there will be no midterms,

Teachers – Cara Woudenberg – no report.

Counseling – Cindy Hartson – Mrs. Hartson reported:

- Counselors are meeting with students via Zoom and parents by Zoom and on the phone.

- Counseling has had a busy fall. They have processed 2,187 college transcript requests.

- The PSAT will be on for January 26, counseling sent out emails with a google link for registration. PSAT Guides are available in weatherproof bin outside the East wing entrance.

H&S Reports:

Secretary – Sarah Spletzer – Sarah had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Courtney Kusy – Courtney reported:

- \$5852.23 in the bank account, and we've had 3 expenses: \$46.43 for lawn signs, \$121.94 also for lawn signs, \$60.00 for winning warriors. We ended November with \$5,683.00, actual \$5,823.86, with a \$60 check outstanding.

- We projected a revised Covid budget of \$6,500.00. Based on what we've brought in, we will have an estimated shortage of roughly \$600.

Vice President – Gabby Winters/Michelle Petko – Gabby/Michelle did not have a report under VP.

Presidents – Mercy Varghese/Marie Kramer – Mercy/Marie did not have a report under President.

District Reports:

SEA – Colleen Kutz reported:

- We do not have concrete dates for 2021 yet, but we are trying to schedule an Executive Functioning workshop. We are planning to collaborate with parent groups in 3 other districts for inclusion presentations. We get together regularly for support, questions, concerns, and we have a FaceBook page as well as a community page on the District website.

Post Prom – Gabby Winters/ Lisa Coupe –

- We are still in a holding pattern. We imagine that people are already thinking outside the box for what spring will look like. We are supposed to be meeting in January.

School Board – (report)

- **Worcester Recognition:** Outstanding staff from Worcester were recognized at the December school board meeting. Thank you for all your hard work!

- **Return to School:** The board voted on a revised health and safety plan which allows for a hybrid return-to-school beginning 12/14. We thank all of our teachers and staff and we are working hard to plan so that students can return safely to the classroom. At the district level, we have put in place vigorous primary mitigation measures such as hybrid learning, social distancing, cohorting, mandated face masks and other PPE, symptom screening, cleaning and sanitizing, ventilation, and contact tracing protocols. There may be disruptions to in-person delivery if schools need to be closed with little or no notice because of rising Covid cases and/or contact tracing constraints. The district is in constant communication with not only the county but also the state through both the Department of Health and the Department of Education. As more information becomes available the district will continue to evaluate that data as it makes decisions. If the state or county, based on secondary factors such as hospital capacity, recommend a change to our protocols or plans, we will review and follow recommendations as they are applicable to our district. In the meantime, the administration is working on providing the emotional, social and mental health supports that the students and staff need in order to navigate the pandemic.

- **Upcoming meetings:** Board meetings are now being held virtually on zoom and live streamed through YouTube.

- Work Session: Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 PM

- Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 PM

Check the website for login information and instructions on presenting comments to the board at the meeting.

MCC – Gabby Winters – MCC has not met since last time, so nothing has changed.

Questions & Answers – as time allows; Question: With changes today with extra curriculars, does anything change at school? It appears that there is a cessation of sports and activities until 1/4

Adjournment

Dates to Remember:

December:

24-31 – Winter Break

January:

1 – No School (Holiday)

4 – First Day Back from Winter Break

18 – No School (Holiday)

26 - PSAT

28 – 2nd Marking Period Ends

Next meeting 2/11/21 7:00pm

Via Zoom

(Look for Konstella announcement or our webpage for registration link)