



Mariposa Academic Boosters Club Agenda  
July 13, 2018  
11:30 AM  
High Country

Attachment

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- VIII. Open Forum
- IX. Set Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting
- X. Adjourn



Mariposa Academic Boosters Club  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2018  
11:30 AM  
MCHS Rm 56

Board members present: Jill Harry (chair/secretary); Dave James (vice chair), Kathleen Pfeffer (treasurer), Ruth Smiley, Tara Schiff, Deb Rockwood

Board members absent: Carol Hart, Naoko Kada, Jennifer Rider

Public: Leigh Westerlund

I. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM.

II. Approval of minutes from April 20 meeting

Debra Rockwood moved to approve the minutes; Ruth seconded. All who had been at the meeting were in favor. Dave and Kathleen abstained. Motion carried.

III. Business and Finance

A. Treasurer's Report

Kathleen noted there had been a \$10 error in last month's budget report. The ending balance was reported as \$21,544.16 when it should have been \$21,554.16 which is the beginning balance for this month's report. The ending balance on April 30 was \$20,485.95. We have outstanding checks totaling \$843.70 and an outstanding deposit of \$1,500.

Tara moved to approve the report. Dave seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. 2017-2018 Budget Overview review

The budget overview report shows that we will have a healthy balance at the end of the fiscal year. Even when Valedictorian Dinner expenses, expected to be about \$850, are added to the report, our income for the year will outweigh our spending.

IV. Programs

A. Career Lunch

i. Results of May 10 lunch and go forwards

Tara had a scheduling mix-up re May 10 versus May 17 (lunch was advertised for May 17, Dr. Tenbergen was scheduled for May 10, he couldn't make the 17th), so the May Career Lunch was cancelled. Given Jennifer's comments from a previous meeting about how students make decisions about colleges earlier in the year, Tara will see if Dr. Tenbergen can come in February or March next year.

ii. Schedule of past speakers

This was included so that we could see which professions we have hosted in the past to help inform decisions about future speakers.

iii. Results of students survey/planning for 2018-19

In looking at the students' comments, Kathleen noted that students are more interested in younger people, not people close to retirement. They also have many suggestions of professions they are inter-

ested in. All present gave more suggestions of people and professions to Tara. Tara will use this information to start booking speakers for next school year

B. Community Connections Update

Jill said she had seen Scott Seymour of Quest Community Counseling the day before at a meeting and had asked him about training mentors. He said he and MCHS were in discussion about training the current three volunteers. Jill does not know when that training will occur, when students will be matched with the mentor volunteers, or if the program will start this summer, but she is encouraging MCHS to start the program as soon as possible as having it up and running will help us recruit more mentors and it's easier to work out any kinks with this small starting group before the program grows larger.

C. Passport to Success Update

No updates to report.

D. Valedictorian Dinner Update (May 30)

The dinner is happening Wednesday, May 30. This year, there are 5 valedictorians. Feedback from Celeste was that some were having trouble choosing only two guests (plus mentor) so we okay'd increasing the number to three guests. There was discussion regarding number of student guests in past years, reasons why, cost, space at Savoury's, and student equity. In the end, it was determined that cost is not a deciding factor (it's only about \$20 for each additional dinner). Space at Savoury's is a factor. But the biggest factor is equity to the students themselves. We would like to keep the number of guests the same from year to year as much as possible so that it is equitable to all the valedictorians. Kathleen also mentioned that Mirriam has sold the restaurant. We don't know to whom yet. For next year, we will have to see if the new owners are interested in hosting the event or we will find a new location.

Other items regarding Valedictorian Dinner: The event starts at 5. It's important that it ends by 7. Celeste knows this. Kathleen got the \$50 gift cards from Amazon and showed us the cute graduation cap they come in. Debra will take care of flowers. Tara will have all information from students by Monday to finalize the programs. Kathleen and Ruth are making arrangements regarding what time to get there to set gifts on tables. Jill will try to stop by to take photos right before it starts. Celeste is good about getting us a group photo. The speaker this year is Jennifer Ritter Trump, MCHS graduate, Lori Ritter's niece, and current teacher at MES.

E. Awards nights

i. Letters and bars update

The letters and bars are ordered and should be here in time.

ii. Grades 9-11, May 31

The awards start at 6 PM. Jill plans to attend, but may be late due to another event. Dave will plan to be at this awards night as a back up for Jill, to act as ABC's representative (might require standing and waving) and to take a few pictures.

iii. Seniors, June 5

This also starts at 6 PM. Kathleen will be there and will stand and wave as ABC's representative and will take a photo (one or two that include students receiving letters and/or bars will suffice).

V. Election of Officers and Program Chairs for 2018-2019

Jill said that one of her goals was to move from a nine person board to a seven person board to make it easier to ensure there is always a quorum at meetings. She also had discussions with individual members and as a result, there are some new candidates for some positions.

Jill presented the following suggested slate of board members, officers, advisors, and program chairs with terms to begin July 1. She noted that *only* the board members and officers need to be voted on.

The advisors and program chairs are included to show what we have covered and where we have openings, which we will discuss at the summer planning meeting. Kathleen asked to be added to the Advisors. Jill noted that in addition to those listed, we have a number of people interested in ABC who are on our email list and are welcome to come to meetings when they can.

#### Proposed slate

##### Board

President/Chair: Jill Harry  
Vice President: Ruth Smiley  
Treasurer: Leigh Westerlund  
Secretary: Jill Harry

Members at Large: Naoko Kada, Dave James, Tara Schiff, Amy Schneckeburger

Advisors (non board members): Jennifer Rider, Carol Hart, Debra Rockwood, Kathleen Pfeffer

##### Program Chairs:

Career Lunch: Tara Schiff  
UC Merced Lab Tours: Naoko Kada  
Season of Giving campaign: Jill Harry  
Community Connections: Jennifer Rider  
Passport to Success: Jennifer Rider  
Fall Fundraiser at Savoury's: Open (could be broken into segments)  
Personal Best Awards: Open

Kathleen made a motion to accept the slate of officers and board members as presented. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathleen noted that she will finish up the Treasurer role by completing tax filings and that it will be very easy to transition to Leigh since they are neighbors.

Jill noted that in addition, both Dave Atkins and Lordelyn del Rosario have expressed interest in coming to meetings and likely will start this with our summer planning meeting.

#### VI. Set Date, Time, and Location for Summer Planning Meeting

Our summer planning meeting will be on Friday, July 13, at 11:30 AM. Since it is a planning meeting, it is likely to last longer. Plan for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Jill will check with Jennifer to see if she will be on campus that day. If not, we will meet at High Country.

#### VII. Open Forum

Jill thanked Kathleen for all of her efforts on behalf of ABC these last four years, including being Secretary her first two years on the board and Treasurer her last two years. She presented Kathleen with a card and gift certificate. Appreciation and comments were expressed by all.

#### VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

**ABC Treasurer's Report for May- 2018**Beginning balance 4-30-2018      **\$ 20,485.95**Ending balance 5-31-2018        **\$ 20,864.10**Total deposits: **\$ 1,500**      Sierra Tel- Val Dinner DonationTotal withdrawals: **\$ 1,121.85**

482    243.00      MSUSD Depart. Of Transportation - UC Merced Lab tours

484    25.00        Jantz Bakery- Kathy Leonard - website

500    325.70      Plaques and Such (Bars and Letters)

504    528.15      Valedictorian Dinner (not including dessert)

Outstanding checks: **\$ 843.70**

501    250.00      (5) \$50 Amazon Gift Cards- Val Dinner

Outstanding Deposit: **\$ 0**

**ABC Treasurer's Report for June- 2018**

Beginning balance 5-31-2018     **\$ 20,864.10**

Ending balance 6-30-2018        **\$ 20,768.30**

Total deposits: \$ 0

Total withdrawals: \$ **95.80**

505    74.00    Savoury's - Val Dinner (Dessert)

506    21.80    Plaques and Such - 50% of expedited shipping

Outstanding checks: \$ **250**

501    250.00       (5) \$50 Amazon Gift Cards- Val Dinner to Kathleen Pfeffer

503    53.61        Debra Rockwood - Val Dinner flowers

Outstanding Deposit: \$ **0**

FISCAL YEAR 18-19 BUDGET									
MCHS Academic Boosters Club, Inc. Annual Budget Overview									
Annual Expenses	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 BUDGET	FY19 YTD ACTUAL	Annual Income	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 BUDGET	FY19 YTD ACTUAL	Notes	
<b>Events and Requests</b>				<b>Fundraisers</b>					
Dinner with a Scientist (AAUW)	\$0.00	\$0.00		Fall - Savoury's	\$0.00	\$2,000.00			
Natural Helpers	\$0.00	\$0.00		Arts Night		\$1,800.00			
Career Lunches	\$940.90	\$1,500.00		Season of Giving Campaign	\$1,700.00	\$1,800.00			
Academic Achievement Night (every 2 or 3 yrs)	\$347.50	\$400.00		<b>Subtotal fundraisers</b>		<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
Valedictorian Dinner	\$905.76	\$2,400.00		<b>Donations</b>					
UC Merced Lab Tours	\$678.27	\$750.00		Anonymous*	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			
Passport to Success	\$320.00	\$500.00		Misc		\$0.00			
Community Connections		\$2,700.00		PayPal/Visa donations	\$45.00	\$25.00			
California Scholarship Federation- field trip Yosemite	\$400.00	\$400.00		<b>Subtotal donations</b>		<b>\$3,025.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
Teacher/Other Requests - as much as \$2,380	\$1,043.58	\$1,500.00			\$50.00				
Art's Night		\$1,015.00		<b>Corporate Donors</b>					
Personal Best Awards		\$1,000.00		Sierra Tel	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		Valedictorian Dinner	
Berkeley Splash Bus - Mariposa Community Foundatio	\$700.00	\$700.00		Tavis Corp				up to \$1,000 specific requests	
<b>Subtotal Events and Requests</b>	<b>\$5,336.01</b>	<b>\$12,865.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	Aramark		\$0.00		\$3,500 from DNC in past years	
<b>Administrative Costs</b>				Yosemite Bank	\$500.00	\$500.00		UC Merced Lab Tours	
Photocopies	\$47.55	\$125.00		<b>Subtotal corporate donors</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
Special Printings - Banners, flyers, tickets		\$200.00							
Ads - Media outlets, yearbook		\$200.00							
Postage, envelopes, office depot, fliers (S of G)	\$93.55	\$200.00							
Subscriptions (domain name, etc)/ website	\$40.00	\$50.00							
Insurance	\$834.00	\$1,000.00							
Mariposa Chamber of Commerce*	\$100.00	\$100.00							
Fees (Reg.renewal for 2014)	\$25.00	\$25.00							
PO Box	\$70.00	\$75.00							
Name badges	\$48.90	\$50.00							
California State- Statement of Information bi-annually		\$20.00							
TSYS- Card reader fees	\$219.04								
TSYS- Card reader refund	-\$209.45								
New Checks	\$25.70	\$30.00							
<b>Subtotal admin. costs</b>	<b>\$1,295.88</b>	<b>\$2,075.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>						
<b>Special One Time Costs not covered elsewhere</b>									
				<b>Grants</b>					
				Mariposa Comm Foundation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Web design and bus cards	
				<b>Subtotal grants</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>Subtotal special one time costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>						
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,631.89</b>	<b>\$14,940.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,795.00</b>	<b>\$10,625.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
				<i>Expenses minus income (savings needed to supplement)</i>			\$4,315.00		
				<b>Current savings minus outstanding checks and deposits</b>			<b>\$20,464.69</b>		
Auditorium seating fund	\$300.00			Current savings minus Auditorium seating fund			\$20,164.69		
				Remaining savings			<u>\$15,849.69</u>		

		<b>UC Merced Lab Tour</b>											
		Patho's T-shirts											
		Costco- Snacks											
		MSUSD Transportation											
		<b>Total</b>								<b>\$0.00</b>			
		<b>Career Lunches</b>											
		/Sept											
		/Oct											
		/Nov											
		/Dec											
		/Jan											
		/Feb											
		/March											
		/April											
		/May											
		<b>Total</b>								<b>\$0.00</b>			
		<b>Season of Giving donations</b>						Income:					
		postage											
		envelopes- env.com											
		office depot											
		remit envelopes											
		<b>Total</b>								<b>\$0.00</b>			
		Profit								\$0.00			
		<b>Passport to Success</b>											
		Jantz											
		Pizza Factory											
		Yosemite Treats											
		Dabbles											
		<b>Total</b>								<b>\$0.00</b>			
		<b>Valedictorian Dinner</b>											
		Savoury's											
		Programs											
		Amazon gift cards											
		Flowers											
		<b>Total</b>								<b>\$0.00</b>			



<b>Teacher Request</b>														
Finney														
Dobson														
Leuschel														
Fipps and Leonard														
Monson														
<b>Total</b>													\$0.00	
<b>Academic Achievement Night</b>														
Plaques and Such- Letters and Bars														
?														
<b>Total</b>													\$0.00	
<b>TSYS- Card Reader fees</b>														
March- Two swipers														
April- Quartely Non-PCI compliance fee														
May- Bi-annualy Breach coverage														
June- Admin fee														
August- Quarterly Non- Compliance fee														
October														
<b>Total</b>													\$0.00	
<b>TSYS- Card Reader refunds</b>														
June- Credited Insurance fee														
July- Quarterly Non- Compliance fee														
September-														
November														
<b>Total</b>													\$0.00	
<b>Misc.</b>														
Kathy Leonard -website help														
Website- domain subsription														
<b>Total</b>													\$0.00	

## BYLAWS

### I. Academic Boosters Club, Inc. of Mariposa County High School

1. The name of the organization/agency/group shall be Academic Boosters Club, Inc.

### II. Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall serve without pay and consist of at least five members.
2. Eligibility criteria include ability to attend most monthly meetings
3. Board members shall serve at least one, one year term.
4. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board, with the recommendation of the Chairman.

### III. Officers

1. The officers of the board shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer nominated by the Board.
2. Elected officers will serve a term of at least one year.
3. (a) The Chair shall preside at all Board meetings, appoint committee members, and perform other duties as associated with the office. (b) The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in case of the Chair's absence. (c) The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the Board, keep all approved minutes in a minute book, and send out copies of minutes to all. (d) The Treasurer shall keep record of the organization's budget and prepare financial reports as needed.

### IV. Committees

1. The Board may appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed.

### V. Meetings

1. Regular meetings shall be held monthly, with more frequent meeting during events
2. Special meetings may be held at any time when called for by the Chair or a majority of Board members.
3. Agendas shall be provided at least one day in advance.

### VI. Voting

1. (a) A majority of board members constitutes a quorum. (b) In absence of a quorum, no formal action shall be taken except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date.
2. Passage of a motion requires a simple majority (i.e., one more than half the members present).

### VII. Conflict of Interest

1. Any member of the board who has a financial, personal, or official interest in, or conflict (or appearance of a conflict) with any matter pending before the Board, of such nature that it prevents or may prevent that member from acting on the matter in an impartial manner, will offer to the Board to voluntarily excuse him/herself and will vacate his seat and refrain from discussion and voting on said item.

#### VIII. Fiscal Policies

1. The fiscal year of the board shall be the same as the Mariposa County School District academic calendar.

#### IX. Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended by a two-third vote of Board members present at any meeting, provided a quorum is present and provide a copy of the proposed amendment(s) are provided to each Board member at least one week prior to said meeting.



MCHS Academic Boosters Club, Inc. (ABC)  
invites you to become involved!

*ABC's mission is to supplement and enrich academic experiences and provide educational tools for Mariposa County High School students.*  
(See the backside of this flyer for details on how we do this.)

Stay informed and find out ways you can help by signing up for our monthly e-newsletter: <http://tinyurl.com/yaublor4>.

Or, email us at [abc.mchs@gmail.com](mailto:abc.mchs@gmail.com) and ask to be put on our e-newsletter mailing list.

Like us on Facebook: *MCHSABC*  
Twitter and Instagram: *MCHS\_ABC*

Check out our web page: *mchsabc.org*

*You are welcome to join us for meetings. Days and times are listed on the web page and included in e-newsletters.*

We wish you and your children all the best for the 2018-2019 school year!

## **ABC supports all Mariposa County High School students by:**

- **Hosting** a monthly **Career Lunch**, exposing students to professionals of many diverse career paths while providing delicious meals from local restaurants.
- Sponsoring the **Community Connections** program, linking adult mentors to students who could use an adult, or another adult, in their lives for whatever reason.
- **Organizing and sponsoring UC Merced Lab Tours**, an annual field trip available to all students. Students sign up for science and engineering labs that are of interest to them, visit the campus, and participate in hands-on activities with UC staff.
- **Helping to fund Academic Decathlon** competitions and **field trips** to the SF Modern Museum of Art, Merced Theatre, and elsewhere per teacher requests.
- **Funding** an annual **California Scholarship Federation field trip** for students who maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above.
- **Funding requests** from staff such as t-shirts for Cross Age PE so students are recognizable on the MES campus, teacher upgrades to online programs, and so on.
- **Co-sponsoring** AAUW's annual **Dinner with a Scientist at UC Merced** as a means of empowering female students to follow their dreams in fields associated with science and math.
- **Funding** MCHS **Academic Letters** for Academic Achievement Night.
- **Sponsoring** MCHS **Valedictorian Dinners**.

### ***Past programs:***

- **Sponsoring** the **Natural Helpers** program, teaching students to become good listeners and mentors to their fellow classmates. *Now paid for by Mariposa County Human Services.*
- **Creating and sponsoring** annual **Arts Night**, showcasing arts education and students at MCHS including Dance Club, Chorus, Band, Fine Arts, Ag Food and Processing, Welding, Drama, and more! *This program has morphed into a Spring Event organized by Bryan Starchman.*
- **Paying** for a portion of student **Advanced Placement test fees**. *Now paid for by MCUSD.*
- **Making possible** school **capital improvements** such as the *digital marquee* and *auditorium entry glass display case*, both installed in 2014, *auditorium stage lighting upgrades* funded in 2014, and the replacement of damaged *auditorium ceiling tiles* funded in 2013.



Programs and events to potentially continue, revive, or add for 2018-2019 school year:

**Programs (Expenses)**

Dinner with a Scientist (AAUW)

Career Lunches

Academic Achievement Night letters and bars

Valedictorian Dinner

UC Merced Lab Tours

Passport to Success

Community Connections

California Scholarship Federation field trip

Teacher/Other Requests

Arts Night - *no longer an option*

Berkeley Splash Bus (Mariposa Community Foundation) - I don't know if they will ask again.

*Add/revive:*

Personal Best Awards (see attached doc)

Tedx-like event featuring MCHS grads

Other?

**Events (Income)**

Fall Fundraiser at Savoury's or elsewhere - *revive?*

Season of Giving Campaign

Arts Night - *no longer an option*

Anonymous Donor

Corporate requests

*Add:*

Monthly movie nights at Fiester Auditorium (see email chain with Bryan Starchman)

Other?

**Other**

Pursuit of new seating in Fiester Auditorium (see letter from Bryan Starchman)

## Personal Best Awards

MCHS used to have Personal Best Awards as one of the categories of its annual Awards Night Ceremony. They stopped when their funding source ran out. Back in 2016-2017 school year, Celeste had asked if ABC would be interested in sponsoring this. All agreed that ABC had a lot on our plate at the time and that we would prefer to wait to announce and pursue Personal Best Awards at the start of the 2017-2018 school year, giving us time to get things lined up and “do it right.”

When Celeste discussed this with me (Jill), she said that at the start of every school year, as part of MCHS’s Smart Start, students participate in goal setting activities. They set personal goals and reflect. If ABC decided to pursue, MCHS could let students know that personal best awards would be happening at the end of the school year.

Celeste said when they did this in past years, their goal was always to recognize students in the middle who normally don’t get recognized. She believes this is still important to do.

We had talked about cash prizes, but some did not like this. We talked about Kindles, but Celeste said she didn't think those would be motivating to all. Celeste said this is a huge generalization and does not fit for all, but if we had a prize like cell phone service, that would be hugely meaningful to many of those students who are in the middle and they would be motivated to apply. She says that Ron Henderson (at the District Office last year, back at Lake Don Pedro this year) worked with Verizon during the Detwiler Fire and so has a good contact name for someone at Verizon who might be able to help with cell service prizes. Jennifer Rider also mentioned that there is a relatively new company in Mariposa offering cell service. The company is called FM Wireless. They have already given Jennifer a 3 month subscription to use as a student prize. This might be a company to investigate for getting multiple prizes.

Celeste also mentioned that English teachers were the judges in the past. Their goal was always *not* to find the best essay writer, but to focus on the content. Celeste said that the school could set up an interview panel, but many of those applying would probably not be comfortable talking about themselves and their goals in front of a panel. It might be harder to talk about than to write about it.

There was discussion that personal best awards would recognize students rather than motivate students. (After thinking about this, I would now add that a number of our programs recognize rather than motivate and I think the act of recognizing is in fact motivating.) In any case, all agreed it is positive and worthy to recognize students in the middle who often aren’t recognized. And announcing the award potential at the beginning of the year might motivate some.

ABC added this to our budget last year, but I did not have time to pursue cell-phone related prizes. We need to decide if we want to keep this in the budget this year, if we want to pursue cell-phone related prizes, and if so, who will take the lead.

## Monthly Movie Night at Fiester Auditorium

Email chain (might be easiest to start from bottom and work up):

On 6/12/18 7:29 PM, Bryan Starchman wrote:

What I would like to find out is if there are adults, who have been cleared by the district, who would like to host a film once a month. The infrastructure is in place, the licensing costs around \$500 for a year, I just don't have the time or energy to do it myself. It would need to be a week night so that we aren't paying for additional custodial and I can arrange ordering the latest new releases on Blu Ray. However, it could be that with Netflix and big screen TVs, there just isn't an interest to have a little movie theater in our town. If a group of adults would be interested in making Grizzly Cinema something more consistent, I'm happy to train whomever on the projector and sound equipment. Thanks for floating this idea for me.

Bryan

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On Tue, Jun 12, 2018 at 7:48 AM, Jill Harry <[abc.mchs@gmail.com](mailto:abc.mchs@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Bryan,

ABC is meeting mid-July to start planning for next school year. If you have further thoughts on this idea, can you let me know by then so I can convey to the group?

Thank you! Happy summer.

Jill

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On 3/19/18 9:56 AM, Jill Harry wrote:

Hi Bryan,

Congratulations on another well done and successful play, and for your successful RISE grant and the doubling of the amount. How exciting. All of us at ABC are so happy for you and all of your drama students. We know what great things will come of this!

Thanks so much for the idea of partnering with ABC to re-start the Grizzly Cinema program, continue to offer Fiester Auditorium to outside groups for their events and programs, and in the process raise money for both ABC and the Drama department. I am sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Our February meeting was cancelled and we finally got together again last Friday.

All really like the idea of movies in town. However, when we started thinking about the need of a coordinator plus reliable volunteers to run the projector, take care of sound, sell and take tickets, bring and sell refreshments, and any other tasks we didn't think of, the idea started to sound too daunting. We do not feel we have enough volunteers to take this on at the moment. We were thinking, however, that perhaps we could put together a job description for a coordinator and volunteers and actively recruit among the people we know to join ABC for this express



purpose. What do you think of this idea?

There were also some questions that came up:

- Could we do movies on Fridays rather than on school nights?
- Could we do three movies a year (one each in fall, winter, spring) rather than one every month, or are licensing fees too expensive to make this work?
- How much could we count on drama club to help with ticket sales, refreshment sales, and so on?
- If you agree re the idea of recruiting specifically for this task, do you know of people we should definitely ask?

Thanks again for the idea. We appreciate your thinking of ABC.

I imagine you are worn out about now after all the excitement around the grant and your weekend performances. I wish you a relaxing week and look forward to your response at your convenience.

Jill

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On 2/3/18 4:50 PM, carol hart wrote:

Greetings, Bryan:

Thank you for your continuous and energetic progressive thinking for high school academics and student life. I see promise in this cinematic idea, especially with a group of committed adults at the helm. I am CC'ing Jill Harry here so that we can continue the discussion at the ABC Board level.

Let us keep the dialog alive,

Carol

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On Sat, Feb 3, 2018 at 1:29 PM, Bryan Starchman <[bstarchman@mcusd.org](mailto:bstarchman@mcusd.org)> wrote:

Hi Carol!

As you know I tried running movies for a couple of years but it became just too much work on my own plus we did not get great turn outs. So this year I did not renew the license for Grizzly Cinema to be able to show films and charge admission.

However, with ABC's help I think this could be something we could revitalize and could hopefully raise money for both our programs.

I know there are groups that would like to use our facility for various talks and film nights. I asked for a donation of \$125 in the past, maybe we lower that if we have more adult volunteers to help run the theater for the event.

I also did not focus on new releases. I imagine if we focus on brand new family films the week they come out on DVD we may get a higher attendance rate, especially if we have a regular date for the films so that people can put them on their calendar. We would even open each film with a skit or improv or dance troupe. Something like that. There are a few films available for Sing-alongs where audiences follow the bouncing ball. I know there is one for Frozen, Grease, and Pitch Perfect. I imagine there are others.

I'd like to give it another shot but would want to train other adults on how to run the system so it's not always me in charge. Concessions also became overwhelming so that's something to discuss.

The invoice from the last annual license from [swank.com](http://swank.com) is attached. Let me know what you think. Combined with things like Adam Burns and Mark Albasta doing their Silent Film live Orchestration night, TED Talk discussion nights, and maybe revitalizing a foreign film club a few times a year like they had at 6th Street Cinema this could maybe become something.

Thanks for all you do.

Bryan

New Seating in Fiester Auditorim

(Note: Bryan isn't asking anything from us at this point other than info. We have discussed fundraising for seats before maybe as a match for the District's Bond funds. Since this is a planning meeting, just bringing it forward for discussion again. - Jill)

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**Subject: Re: ABC Movie Idea**

**Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2018 18:09:12 -0700**

**From: Bryan Starchman <bstarchman@mcusd.org>**

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Thank you! I also want to send you a letter I'm having Craig Dormer present at the board meeting as I will be out of town. I would really like to see the district take the lead on new seats. I know that Carol did some research a few years ago when you raised funds for ceiling tiles. Anything you have that I could add would be helpful.

Bryan

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As the district starts to determine how to spend funds to benefit our schools I would like to insist that we make the auditorium seating a priority. Over my past 17 years of teaching, drama club, Academic Boosters Club, private donors, and other organizations have raised funds to replace the front curtain, the carpeting, add thousands of dollars in lighting and sound equipment, install a Marley dance floor, replace damaged ceiling tiles, build a backdrop, install a 5000 lumens projector and, with the help of the district, replace the old pulley screen with an electric screen. Nearly every aspect of the auditorium has been updated using ticket money and donations. However, the seats have not been touched in my 17 years. Pads were added at some point before I returned from UCLA to start teaching, but most of those are stained, damaged, or in some cases missing.

The auditorium is used as my classroom three periods a day and is utilized by chorus as well. We have at least three drama productions a year, dance club practices on the stage, along with color guard, FFA, and community choir. Mariposa Symphony orchestra has two concerts a year on our stage. The community choir has two concerts a year. MCHS Choir along with every band student in the district uses the stage for their concerts. This year MES and Woodland used the auditorium for graduation. Back to school night, senior night, and achievement night all take place in the auditorium. We house the entire staff for trainings including the Sheriff led ALICE training. When the fires hit, the auditorium became a meeting hall. The list of groups that utilize the facility goes on and on because there is not another venue like it in our town.

The seats need to be replaced. They are old and the metal eventually snaps. It's no one's fault, but with constant wear and tear over the past 80 plus years, they are starting to fail. And when one chair fails, the entire row fails. They can be welded back together...until they snap again. Maintenance has already taken two rows out of the back just to use for parts.

We need to replace them all at once. The first six to ten rows need to have desks installed like you see in college lecture halls so that students aren't taking notes on their knees.

Please bring in a professional who has worked with new theaters like The Gallo Center in Modesto and do the job right so that they can last another 80 years. This money will likely not be available again and people look to me to fix the seats. Drama Club was granted \$20,000 from NBC and the first thing people asked was "Are you going to replace the seats?" My students' shows have replaced and updated nearly everything in that theater, but \$20,000 will not cut it and that money is intended to be used for productions and equipment that benefits those productions. It's time that the money for the seats comes from the district.

I welcome you to come and take a closer look at the seats. I can meet with you and show you what we are dealing with. Just let me know.

Bryan Starchman