



MCHS Academic Boosters Club Agenda

April 12, 2019

11:30 AM

MCHS Rm 56 (directly across from Learning Center Restrooms)

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MCHS Academic Boosters Club  
 Meeting Minutes  
 March 8, 2019  
 11:30 AM  
 MCHS Rm 56

Board members present: Jill Harry (chair/secretary), Leigh Westerlund (treasurer), Dave James, Tara Schiff, Amy Schneckenburger (by speakerphone), Naoko Kada (arrived late)

Board members absent: Ruth Smiley (vice chair)

Public: Kathleen Leonard, Lordelyn del Rosario

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of minutes from February 1 meeting

Tara moved to approve the minutes; Amy seconded the motion. All who had been at the meeting were in favor. Leigh had been absent and so abstained. Motion carried.

III. Business and Finance

A. January Treasurer's Report

ABC had a balance of \$21,071.57 on December 31. We ended with a balance of \$21,642.54 on January 31. This represents \$2,005.97 in deposits and \$1,435 in withdrawals for the month. Tara moved to approve the report. Amy seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. February Treasurer's Report

We started with a balance of 21,642.54 on January 31 and ended with a balance of \$25,738.39 on February 28. We had total deposits of \$4,618.16 including a \$3,000 contribution from our Anonymous Donor and \$500 from Yosemite Bank. Our total withdraws for the month equaled \$522.31. Dave moved to approve the budget, Tara seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. 2018-2019 Budget Overview

Prior to the meeting, Leigh updated our budget overview with all recent expenses and incomes. We remain on track. Jill noted that ABC is again asking SierraTel for funding to support Valedictorian Dinner. Ruth shadowed Kathleen Pfeffer on this request last year and has all the documents. Jill will ask Ruth about starting this process for this year. No vote necessary.

D. Dance Party Fundraiser results discussion

All agreed everything about our dance party was wonderful and it was fun, we just needed more people there to make it profitable. Members thought the weather was the biggest hindrance, not the location. The group agreed we want to do this again next year focusing mostly on the dance party aspect. Some suggestions:

- Plan it the same night as the Fall middle school dance (ask 7th/8th grade teachers at Woodland and MES next school year when this will be). Since parents have to take their kids to the dance, they might be more likely to stay out and join us.

- Have it some place that already has a liquor license. Tara will check with the new owners of the Gold Coin - they have inside space that could be used as a dance floor. Other options: The Alley or the Grove House, though inclement weather would be a problem at either of these.

- Instead of having to get a gambling license, have some other type of games like Heads Up or Charades.

#### E. Funding request from Mariposa County - government month

After much answering of questions and discussion, Amy moved to provide \$250 to Mariposa County for the computer for the government month contest. Leigh seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. ABC will be listed as the sponsor on the flyer going out. It was also suggested that Tara check with other organizations such as Rotary, AAUW, and American Legion as potential co-sponsors in future years. It was also noted that we will put this on the agenda for our 2019-20 planning meeting in August for further discussion.

#### F. California Scholarship Federation field trip - rollerskating

CSF is going rollerskating at Roll-er Land in Merced next week. We have \$400 in our budget to support this field trip. Dr. Ritter has requested approximately \$234 to pay for the bus. Students are asked to bring \$4 each for entry fee. Kathleen will let Dr. Ritter know that if any do not have the money for this, she can add it to the invoice for ABC to pay. Students will have a potluck lunch after at a nearby park.

Kathleen let us know that students who have not yet signed up for CSF can probably still do so; they should be encouraged to stop by the Counseling Office for an application form. The ability to go on the field trip depends on if there is still space on the bus. It's first come with signed permission slips, first served.

### IV. Programs

#### A. Career Lunch update

##### 1. February recap

The Columbia College rep called the morning of the event to say she was sick in bed and could not attend. That turned out to be for the best as there was severe rain and hail that day, putting the students on a weather-related lock down per the sheriff's office. Despite all this, Jill brought pizza so that those who had been planning on Career Lunch still received lunch. It was also noted that a Columbia College rep is going to be on campus on March 26 and since they do this annually, there is no need for ABC to devote a Career Lunch to Columbia College in future years.

##### 2. March 15 - Andrew Glikin, Raw Roots Farm

Glikin is all set and his talk is being advertised. Jill will order and pay for the pizza, but can't be at the event. Naoko will pick up the pizza and be there in Jill's place.

##### 3. Schedule of speakers

The schedule is set through the end of the year. There are two more speakers after Glikin.

#### C. UC Merced Lab Tours, March 5 results

Jill gave thanks to Naoko for setting up and organizing the tours. Thirty-seven students attended. Naoko chose March 5 as the date as it coincided with UC Merced's Research Week which meant there were already scheduled tours that we could tap into in the afternoon (in addition to two morning tours set up by Naoko). It all worked out very well. It was noted that this is a very busy time for high school-related events at UC Merced. The Society of Women Engineers has a student event this Sunday, March 10, and UC Merced Splash is happening next Saturday, March 16. Even so, our event is the only one that happens during the school day which opens it up to more students. The event also allows our high school students to be on campus when college students are also there and when all the dining options are open and available to them. This gives them more of the experience of college life and are pluses. Given that our event continues to be well-attended, having so many events near each other doesn't seem to be a problem.

#### D. Valedictorian Dinner planning update

Valedictorian Dinner is on the school calendar for Wednesday, May 29. Ruth has corresponded with Mirriam who is open to having it again in the nook at Savoury's if the numbers will allow for that. She is also open to us holding it elsewhere. Given the nook includes blocked sight lines for some guests, air conditioner over the speaker, etc, the group, while thankful for Mirriam's offer, would like to explore other options. Of those Ruth had suggested:

- people were concerned about the arrangement of the rooms at Charles Street working for this event;
- it was noted that Castillo's patio area is covered which takes care of concern about any potential weather, but we were not sure about Mexican food for this event.
- The patio at River Rock Inn might work but what would we do if there was inclement weather? It might be unlikely but could happen in May.

Tara told us that Costa Livos is expanding its Italian restaurant into the building next door and she believes the expansion will be complete by May. This might be the perfect spot. They are typically not open on Wednesdays but this might work out to our advantage as well if they are willing to open for this event. Tara can speak with the owners, or she's happy to have Ruth speak with them. Jill will email Ruth and cc Tara after the meeting to decide the best way to proceed.

In addition to location, another concern is cost. One reason that Savoury's works so well is because Mirriam is so kind about keeping the cost down. We will want to know what the per person cost would be before making any final decisions.

Jill will talk with Celeste and see if we can get an idea of how many students and what the final number of guests would be.

#### E. Find Your Z committee update

Jill reported for Ruth that she has not heard back from Cody Wichman and perhaps it is best to move on to more local speakers who perhaps are more comfortable with public speaking. Amy suggested Alex Honnold, the climber featured in Free Solo, and all seemed to like that idea. Jill suggested the committee meet sometime between now and our next meeting to decide next steps.

#### B. Community Connections update

Kathleen reported that 4 students have been matched with 4 mentors and that two of the pairs have had their first meet up. MCHS is taking advantage of all this recent activity to solicit more mentors for the next group informational meeting which will happen over the summer. This will help get the program kickstarted with more mentor and student pairs early next school year. Jill thanked Kathleen for all of her effort in getting this program, which has been in the works for the past three years, off the ground.

#### V. Other

##### A. PE requirement Feb 11 MCUSD bd mtg results

Jill reported that the board voted to keep the 3 year requirement, but to give Principal Azevedo the ability to approve waivers for students with impacted schedules. From what was said at the meeting, it sounds like Celeste and the counseling staff will be pretty liberal with this as long as students have pathways they are following that require another class.

##### B. Photocopying - paid student - update

Kathleen has not had any students apply for this. Jill will let Mrs. Dobson know and we will try again next school year.

#### VI. Open Forum

Lordelyn asked for more information about Senior Projects. Jill said she took it off the agenda because she wanted to talk with Celeste first before discussing again with ABC. It will be back on the agenda next month. In the meantime, Jill will send Lordelyn the one page summary about Senior Projects.

Leigh reported that ABC is back on track with tax filings and requirements. We had received some correspondence about this right around the time of the government shutdown which got in the way of Leigh finishing some items. Everything is now squared away.

#### VII. Set Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 12, at 11:30 AM.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

## **Senior Project One-Pager**

**Objective:** Students envision, design and implement a Senior Project which addresses personal interests, community service, and applied learning (learn by doing).

**Overview:** The project requires approval by teacher/school based on initial proposal by student(s). Students can work in teams. The project must hit the following criteria: address a need, based on a personal interest or learning goal of student(s), provide opportunities for applied learning (articulated in plan by student) and lastly, the project must give back to the community in some way (the need addressed cannot strictly be personal; it must have some component of service to the greater good).

**\* As of 2017, completion of the Senior Project is a graduation requirement for Mariposa County High School, not just an English requirement.**

**Requirements:** Students must spend 15 hours outside of class completing the project. If working in teams, each team member must justify their 15 hrs contribution to the project. Students must document the process of completing the process and provide materials for a digital exhibition of their project. Students will write a reflection on the overall process, the learning objectives achieved, and their view of the project as a whole.

**Assignments:** Students organize a brief concept proposal, an outline including a timeline, promotional or communicative materials (press release, flyer, emails, letter etc.). Lastly, students turn in a portfolio of the project including pictures, notes and research along with a reflective essay upon completion of the project.

**Mentors and Outside Help:** Students can and should receive help from community members, staff members or family to support them in their quest to have a meaningful and successful senior project. Mentors can provide feedback on the project and vouch for the success of the project as part of the reflection process.

**Exhibition:** Students need to display the results of their project (and may need to defend those results as part of the Final). Students can exhibit their work in a variety of ways: on campus for viewing, to other classes in the form of a presentation, at Art's Night as a presentation or installation, w/ permission in public spaces, or digitally on a website shared with a variety of students and people.

**\*\*Students must display the results of their project in some way to achieve a passing score.\*\***