



MCHS Academic Boosters Club Agenda
September 27, 2019
11:30 AM

MCHS Rm 56 (directly across from Learning Center restrooms)

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MCHS Academic Boosters Club Agenda
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Meeting Minutes
Aug 23, 2019
11:00 AM
MCHS Rm 56

Board members present: Jill Harry (chair/secretary), Leigh Westerlund (treasurer), Ruth Smiley (vice chair), Amy Schneckeburger

Board members absent: Tara Schiff

Public: Kathleen Leonard, Naoko Kada, Trish Gilger, Stephanie Evans, Victoria Peterson

I. Call to order

Jill called the meeting to order at 11:03 PM.

A. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

B. Positions

Jill explained that everyone is welcome to attend meetings and we welcome and value everyone's input during discussions, but when it comes time to vote, only board members are allowed to vote. The reason we have five board members rather than a larger number is to make it easier to ensure we have a quorum at meetings.

II. Approval of minutes from May 10 meeting

Amy moved to approve the minutes from the May 10 meeting. Leigh seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Reports

A. May Treasurer's Report

Our beginning balance on April 30 was \$24,615.50. Our ending balance on May 31 was 23,052.85.

Amy moved to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Ruth seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. June Treasurer's Report

Our beginning balance on May 31 was \$23,052.85. Our ending balance on June 30 was 21,534.03.

Amy moved to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Ruth seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. July Treasurer's Report

Our beginning balance on June 30 was \$21,534.03. Our ending balance on July 31 was 22,534.03.

Amy moved to approve the July Treasurer's Report. Ruth seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Review of mission, bylaws and conflict of interest policy

Jill noted that the first meeting of the school year is always a good time to remind ourselves of our mission and to review our bylaws and conflict of interest policy to make sure we are doing all that is laid out in those documents.

Our mission was included on the flyer given out to parents at New Student Orientation last week. It is to supplement and enrich academic experiences and provide educational tools for Mariposa County High School students. We should keep this in mind when we are considering what programs and initiatives to fund.

We confirmed we are following the guidelines of our bylaws and conflict of interest policy.

V. Business, Finance, and Planning

A. 2018-2019 budget - final look

Our anticipated expenses for last school year were \$14,875. Our actual expenses were much less, coming in at \$7,155.39. We may have one outstanding bill to pay, about \$400 for Achievement Night letters and bars. Jill has requested the invoice from Registrar Stephenie Goulet. Our income for last school year was \$8,880.04. Even with the last outstanding bill, our income exceeded our expenses.

B. 2019-2020 draft budget with line by line discussion

AAUW's **Dinner with a Scientist** is happening September 18 this year. We have had \$600 in the budget for this the past few years that AAUW ended up not requesting from us as costs were covered by UC Merced. Since AAUW doesn't know year to year if costs will be covered or not, AAUW DWS coordinator Marilyn Saunders always asks that we keep this line item in. AAUW is always good about recognizing us as a partner and including our logo on flyers, etc. This event very much fits our mission. Trish, who originated this event, explained that she is able to be more involved again this year and is hoping to bring in experts from out of the area and to offer them a stipend. It is likely that AAUW will end up requesting funds from us this year. Leigh had indicated \$400 in the budget this year. All agreed to raise it again to \$600 to match previous years.

After much discussion about **Career Lunches** in light of student surveys, the takeaways were:

- It would be good to vary pizza with other items perhaps from River Rock, Jantz, Health Food Store, etc. The \$1,000 listed in the budget looks good for now.
- Kathy said this year, students have the opportunity to earn Star Points for prizes. Signing up and *showing up* to Career Lunches will be a way for them to earn points, hopefully decreasing our no shows which is one reason why we switched from sandwiches to pizza.
- Kathy will send around reminder call slips to all students who signed up the morning of the event.
- Kathy will be going into all the freshman classrooms on Monday to explain to them what Career Lunches are all about.
- It would be good to shorten the flyer to topic, speaker, date, FREE LUNCH so students can glance at it quickly as they walk by and get the gist rather having to stop to read it. (Still need longer blurb for morning announcements and weekly e-newsletter.)
- Kathy thinks it would work for us to start Career Lunches Thursday, September 12. If we start in Sept, she needs flyer and blurb by Thursday, August 29, to have enough time to advertise it properly. (Always needs two weeks in advance. Thursday is important as it is the cut off date for the following week's e-newsletter.)
- Speaker suggestions:
 - Jeff Gilger, Behavioral Genetics, UC Merced. Trish says he is a good speaker, funny, connects well with students;
 - Peace Corp panel. Stephanie knows a variety of Peace Corp volunteers in the community who served in a variety of places and is happy to help put together a panel. One person would talk about the peace corp in general, all could talk for a couple of minutes about their experiences, and then answer questions.
 - Luis Mercado, Mariposa County Auditor, young (30ish), UCLA grad
 - Kim Williams, HR Director, from the State Dept, has worked in over 60 countries.
 - Panel of past graduates who have taken a variety of paths like Daniel Gilger, Kira Hart, etc.
 - New Pioneer Market pharmacist is a young Radanovich.

Jill said that Tara has had the student surveys since the end of the school year, but she does not know if Tara has started to book speakers or not. Jill will convey all of the above to Tara and will find out if starting September 12 is possible.

Academic Achievement Night. We spent a lot in FY18 thinking we were stocking up on letters and bars, but the high school ended up needing more in FY19. All agreed it best if we can figure out how much it averages out to per year and budget for that rather than stocking up. Kathy will check the inventory in the Counseling Office and get back to Jill. We upped the budget amount from \$400 to \$500.

Valedictorian Dinner. Our cost increased significantly given MCHS went from 5 valedictorians in 2018 to 12 last year, and also because of cost increases around the new venue. Feedback was that it was a lovely event at CostaLivos, but it would be best if everyone was in one room. Having it catered at the Masonic Lodge was mentioned as an alternative as was Best Western. Ruth will put some thought and research into alternative sites and we will talk more about this closer to the event. \$2400 budgeted, slightly more than spent last year.

UC Merced Lab Tours. We spent \$523.30 last year and gave students UC Merced folders. We spent more the year before because we gave out t-shirts. It is budgeted for \$750 this year. Depending on the number of students and where we are with costs, Naoko will use the extra to buy the students UC Merced pens.

Passport to Success. This program was meant to reward student who sought outside tutoring help and showed progress. We have partnerships with Jantz, Dabbles, Yosemite Treats, and Pizza Factory whereby we buy 4 \$10 gift cards and they give us a fifth. Jennifer would periodically query teachers and Penny in the Learning Center for names of students who had been seeking help and making progress, but the program never really took off. Kathy found out about it late last school year, gave out two cards, and has many more left. We can use the left overs as door prizes for Career Lunches, a drawing for those who attend the upcoming College Night at Merced College, and similar incentives. All agreed to take the line item out of the budget for now.

Community Connections. Five students were matched with five mentors last school year. Kathy has three more interested mentors. The Gazette will be printing an article about the program in the next few weeks which we hope will attract more mentors. Kathy will then hold an orientation for them, get their paperwork, and set up their training with Sierra Quest. Thanks to our Anonymous Donor, ABC contributes \$20 per month per mentor so they can take students to lunch or a local event, plus a little extra for birthdays. Many mentors have opted to pay for the dates themselves. We will keep the line item at \$1,000.

California Scholarship Federation field trips. Students with a 3.5 or above are eligible for CSF membership after their first semester. We help pay for one field trip a year. Last year, it was to the roller rink in Merced. The year before, they went ice skating in Yosemite.

Teacher/Other requests. We did not receive many requests last year. After Kids First September grant cycle, Jill will check in with Celeste about saying a few words at the beginning of a staff meeting to remind staff that they can apply to ABC for funds for anything that doesn't fit into Kids First guidelines or has come up since.

Dance Party. After much discussion re the pros and cons of Friday vs Saturday and a look at the schedule of high school and other events around the end of Oct, early Nov, we found the best night is probably Friday, Nov 1 (day after Halloween, day before Day of the Dead, away football game). Things to look into:

- Will this night work for Gold Coin? (Tara)
- Can Angie hold a Parents Night Out this night at Mariposa Martial Arts Academy? (Naoko)
- Can MES have a middle school dance this same night? (Naoko)
- Will Gold Coin close for the night and just accept people with tickets from us or willing to pay at the door?

We need other ways to make money than just entrance fee. Mirriam used to do a buffet for very low cost and we'd have \$40-\$45 ticket price.

- Would Gold Coin be able to do a similar arrangement? Or donate some percentage of what they earn that night on food and drink to us? Or allow us to see if local wineries would donate cases to us with the earnings from these drinks going to us? Or some combination of this?

(Tara)

- Should we bring back the Silent Auction?

- Gambling license is expensive. Should we offer some other types of games?

- Jon-Paul is willing to DJ again. Jill will check with him to see if Nov 1 will work.

In the interest of time, we decided it would be best to have a planning meeting specifically for this fundraiser in the next few weeks. Jill will work on arranging this after the meeting.

Personal Best Awards. We offered to give \$1,000 to MCHS last year for this if MCHS would secure the prizes. It didn't end up happening, but we could offer it again this year. Kathy will check with Celeste to see if she would like to pursue this. Background: MCHS students work on annual goals at the beginning of the year. The idea is to let students know that they can fill out an application, explain how they did in meeting their goals, and 1 or 2 students in each grade level could earn an award/prize at Achievement Night. The goal is to encourage/reward B and lower students who have made significant achievement. MCHS used to do this but ran out of funding. They have an application (we looked at it last year). English teachers judge the applications not on writing/grammar skills, but on content and how students did on achieving goals.

Insurance. We were past the deadline in submitting our insurance renewal check and our insurance was cancelled. Since then, Leigh has been researching insurance options. All agreed we at least need Directors and Officers insurance and insurance for events like the Dance Party. Celeste has told Jill that ABC events on campus are covered under MCUSD's insurance and it is thought that field trips to Yosemite, etc, are covered under school insurance since students sign school permission slips for them. Leigh will:

- check with Marilyn Saunders on what she has found as the best insurance options since she has researched this before for Mariposa Community Foundation and other orgs.
- check with Celeste re campus events and field trips and see if we can get something in writing.
- Contact Jeff Shaw at Farmers. Farmers doesn't offer D&O insurance, but he was our agent, securing this insurance through a third party for us.

Letter Campaign. Jill creates a letter during the Season of Giving (Oct), including a photo of students and an ask for end of year donations. This has been successful for us for a few years now. We have a database of names/addresses of those who have given before and we also ask all ABCers to hand out 5-10 letters to relatives, neighbors, community members, etc, who might be interested in donating.

#GivingTuesday. This is a national campaign done through Facebook on a specific Tuesday in November. Jill will set this up for us again this year.

Anonymous Donor. Our AD has been very generous over the years. We won't know if the donor is giving again or not until January, but it is possible and Jill thinks it is likely.

SierraTel. The past few years, we have asked for funding for Valedictorian Dinner. Last year, they gave \$1,000, down from \$1,500 the year before. Jill will work with Ruth on the application when the time comes and perhaps include more information about the costs involved to see if we can increase the donation to \$1,500 or more. (Jill thinks the limit is \$2,000.)

Tavis. They have donated in the past. We need to have something specific to ask them to donate towards. This is something to think about.

Yosemite Bank. Yosemite Bank has consistently donated to us over the years. Jill writes them a request letter every January.

Mariposa Community Foundation. We have received grant rewards in the past for specific requests. We will have to wait until the guidelines come out and see if we have any needs that meet the criteria.

C. Helping with Senior Projects

All seniors are required to complete a project of their making that takes at least 15 hours of their time and involves a service to the community. Every year, approx 10-15 students struggle with figuring out what they would like to do and in completing this requirement. Jill has spoken to Adam Finney about this and other challenges of the program. He would appreciate ABC's help in perhaps lining up some potential projects or perhaps in other, yet to be determined ways. The group saw some emails about this over the summer, but we did not set up a meeting. Since then, Leigh has spoken with someone at the County who has gathered a list of County opportunities available to add to the discussion. Those interested in helping agreed that Friday at lunch is a good time to meet with Adam to see what he already has set up and brainstorm ideas. Jill will check with Adam re a date.

D. Screenagers movie/fundraiser

Amy brought information about the movie, "Screenagers," which school districts around the country have successfully used as a way to let parents and students know about the dangers associated with excessive screen time and also as a fundraiser. The group is interested if this is something that will be easy to pull together. If it is easy, it was suggested that perhaps we screen the movie in multiple locations throughout the county. It was mentioned that MCUSD brought in a security expert last year or the year before, advertised it, and yet only a handful of people showed up. It's hard to get people out in the evenings for events like this. We should temper our expectations. But if it is easy to do, then we should.

E. The Yosemite Eye newspaper

Victoria Peterson joined us at the invitation of Amy. Victoria is a parent volunteer from Yosemite Valley. She set up a student newspaper called the Yosemite Eye full of news stories written by young students. The Mariposa Gazette found out about the paper and has signed on as a partner, willing to print it and include it as an insert in the Gazette as often as it is ready. Greg Little is also willing to mentor students in journalistic skills and in using the Adobe program InDesign, expensive and complicated. Victoria's group was able to get InDesign donated from Adobe.

Victoria would like to expand contributions to the newspaper to students at all schools in the county. Right now, it is Victoria and one teacher donating their time. They are committed to 3 editions for sure: Fall, Winter, and Spring, with more depending on additional help and lots of content from students.

Victoria would like ABC to be the liaison with high school students. She would like us to find interested and motivated writers who perhaps could mentor younger students in addition to writing their own pieces and also do some graphic design work.

Some ideas that came to mind:

- Perhaps this might fit with Pete Bothwell and his Yearbook students, though we wouldn't want to limit it to just yearbook students.
- Maybe some seniors would want to do this for their senior project, but we wouldn't want to limit it to just seniors.
- Bothwell's art students would likely be interested in helping with graphic design.
- While the English teachers' curriculum is already very full and so it is doubtful something like this could be integrated into their current programs, they probably already know who the 10-12 graders are who are motivated writers.
- Maybe ABC members could meet with a dedicated group of high school students interested in pursuing the writing after school once a month or twice a month. (Noting that Greg Little is willing to mentor, but his time is also probably pretty limited.)

Questions arose about how older students would mentor younger students given geographical distances among schools. It was suggested perhaps some of this could be done via video conferencing and email.

Jill suggested our first step should be to get feedback from Celeste about what it might be possible for teachers to do and how ABC might help and to go from there. Kathy will talk to Celeste about this. We will get back to Victoria about this worthwhile project.

F. Mtg with Yosemite Fire and Ansel Adams Gallery

Amy has been in touch with representatives from both Yosemite Fire and the Ansel Adams Gallery. They would like to set up a meeting with representatives from MCHS and a liaison from ABC to brainstorm and begin a dialog about possible ways to team up with the high school and engage students. Kathy will work with Amy to come up with a few potential dates for a first meeting sometime in September or October. Kathy thinks one of the two high school fire teachers might be able to attend the meeting with Yosemite Fire.

G. Approval of 2019-2020 budget

Ruth moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget with the following changes: Dinner with a Scientist increased tea \$600, Academic Achievement Night Letters and Bars increased to \$500, \$300 added for Aramark field trip; Passport to Success line item removed. Leigh noted that with these changes, if we spend and earn exactly as shown in the budget, we will lose \$2,355 in savings this school year. Given that we have a healthy savings account, this is okay for this year, but not something we would want to do year after year. All noted that we will have to see how our Dance Party fundraiser goes this year and perhaps have to work on figuring out other fundraising avenues for the future. Amy seconded the motion to approve the budget. All in favor.

VI. Fall Fundraiser at Gold Coin, Saturday, Oct 26 - planning

A. Theme, flyers, tickets, DJs, games, etc

Further discussion was tabled for a future meeting focused just on this fundraiser, with the changes noted in the budget discussion section of the minutes. Jill will work on scheduling a meeting for this.

VII. Other items

A. Auditorium ceiling tiles

Amber Ramsey let Jill know that in cleaning out closets, MCHS discovered they have six of the original ceiling tiles from the auditorium and asked if ABC wanted them perhaps to use as auction items. All agreed that yes, we do want these. Maybe we can auction them at our Dance Party event. Jill will make arrangements with Amber to get them.

B. Other

Jill suggested to Kathy that perhaps a few of the gift cards be used for a drawing for those who attend next week's College Night at Merced College. All agreed this is a fine use for a few gift cards.

Jill said she has received a few inquiries regarding our ABC t-shirts. She will talk to Tyson at Pathos about the best way to go about taking orders and will advertise once she knows the details.

Last year, MCHS worked with Aramark to set up a field trip to the park for students to learn about a variety of careers available in the park that perhaps they hadn't thought of. Department heads from hospitality, maintenance, PR, and so on, presented to students. This was going to be the first step toward a potential job shadowing program, but weather and other things got in the way of continued work on this. Kathy asked if ABC would be willing to fund another field trip to Yosemite similar to last years as they continue work to set up a job shadowing program. All said yes. The funding was minimal (the cost of bus transportation). It would go under the Teacher and Other Requests line in the budget.

VIII. Recent/Upcoming School Events

A. Back to School Packet (included ABC blurb)

MCHS did not have space to fit our entire flyer in its Back to School mailing to all parents, but they did include a blurb about ABC in one of their flyers.

B. Freshman Orientation, Aug 15 (ABC had a table)

Thanks very much to Leigh and Naoko for standing at the ABC table at New Student Orientation last week. They gathered 2+ pages full of names and email addresses of people interested in receiving our monthly e-newsletter. Jill will be sending out a newsletter in the days ahead. Jill was also able to say a few words about ABC at the orientation.

C. First Day of School, Aug 20

Nothing to report, except, Go Grizzlies!

D. Back to School Night, Aug 27, 5-7 PM

We have had a table in the past. Marilyn Saunders stood at it for us and gave out both ABC and Dinner with a Scientist flyers. Marilyn is not available this year. Given that everyone would like to go to their children's classrooms, we will not have a table this year. All agreed this is okay. It's not a big marketing loss to miss doing this.

IX. Open Forum

Jill showed the thank you notes we received from Kathy on behalf of MCHS and from one of the Valedictorians, Seth Kelsey.

X. Set Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Friday, September 27 at 11:30 AM in room 56.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

ABC Treasurer's Report for

Aug-19

Beginning balance	7/31/2019	\$	22,534.03	
Ending balance	8/30/2019	\$	22,242.22	
Total deposits		\$	756.00	
	8/19/2019	\$	756.00	Refund from insurance renewal
Total withdrawals		\$	(1,047.81)	
	8/11/2019	544	(\$42.67)	Combs Printing - Val Dinner programs
	8/29/2019	545	(\$1,005.14)	MCHS - for Academic Letters and Service bars - BUDGET EVERY OTHER YEAR

First Career Lunch held

Attach D



Submitted photo

The Mariposa County High School Academic Booster Club's first Career Lunch of the 2019-20 school year was held on Sept. 12. Career Lunch is a program arranged by ABC which connects students with professionals in the area, and gives students an idea of what specific careers would be like. Students got to hear about Rachel Mazur's path to her current position as Yosemite National Park's Branch Chief of Wildlife, Visitor Use and Social Science as well as her experience as a published author. Students asked many questions. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, students ate sandwiches provided by ABC each month. Jenni Kiser will talk to students about personal fitness and her path to owning Mountain Fitness.

MCHS Academic Booster Club
 CAREER LUNCHES - Speakers 2018/19

Month	Day	Speaker	Title	Career Path	confirmed
September	12	Rachel Mazur	Branch Chief of Wildlife, Visitor Use, and Social Science	Wildlife Ecologist & Author	?
October	10	Jenni Kiser	Owner, Mountain Fitness	Personal Trainer	yes
November	14	Cody Guenthart	Pharmacist, Pioneer Market	Pharmacist	yes
December	12	Daniel Gilger/Jazzy Hawley/other	Actor/Screen Writer	Actor/Screen Writer	?
January	9	Stephanie	Peace Corps Experience	Peace Corps	yes
February	13	Hannah Schiff/Mia Gloor	Photographer at StarQuest Dance Competition/Chicago Scene Magazine	Professional Photographer	?
March	12	Eileen Wise	Veterinarian	Vet/Vet Tech	not confirmed
April	9	Kimberly Williams	Human Resources Director, Mariposa County	State Department	yes
May	14	Franz Wall or Allison from Yosemite Dental	Dental Student	Dentist	?

Backups are:

Luis Mercado, auditor, Mariposa County

Jeff Gilger, Uc Merced

ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB



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PARTY

**NOV
1ST
6-10 PM**

AT THE GOLD COIN

BUFFET DINNER
DJ MUSIC by JON-PAUL SALONEN & ERIK WESTERLUND
SILENT AUCTION

AND

GAMES
COSTUME PRIZES

\$40 IN ADVANCE
OR \$45 AT DOOR

buy your tickets at:
gold coin
visitor center
pony express

THIS EVENT IS

21 & older

*Kids can enjoy the night
@ Mariposa Martial Arts Academy.
Call 205-4541 for details.*



Place	Who?	Done?
Gold Coin	Jill	yes
Visitors Center (x3)	Jill	yes
Pony Espresso	Jill	yes
Health Food Store	Jill	yes
Library	Jill	yes
Jazzercise	Jill	yes
Anahata	Jill	yes
Yosemite Treats (until Oct 25)		
Pizza Factory		
betw Steve's Sportsman and gas station		
El Portal		
Catheys Valley Chevron	Jill	yes
Catheys Valley Post Office	not this time - construction	
MCUSD staff bulletin board	Jill	yes
MCHS staff bulletin board	Jill	yes
Pioneer Market	Jill	yes
County staff bulletin board		
Mountain Fitness and Strong		
Pure		
Mariposa Martial Arts Academy	Naoko	

Silent Auction Items (started with list from 2016 and updated, added more)

The Wellness Nook, Jeannine Solis, -- **(open)** (one year, Massage Certificate)

Jazzercise -- **(open)** (one year, free month certificate)

Faith Rumm -- **(open)** (one year, signed print)

Ace Hardware - **Dave?** (one year, \$339 chain saw)

Yosemite Bug Hostel - **Dave?** (one year, dinner and spa for two)

Weigle Jewelry -- **Dave?** (one year, \$25 gift certificate)

Pizza Factory -- **Dave?** (one year, \$20 gift certificates)

Blue Oak Ayurveda - **Ruth** (one year, \$75 gift card and zinnia)

Shelly's Jellies and Sweet stuff -- **Jill** (one year, \$50 basket with 3 jars of jelly, 6 scones, and mini pound cake)

Italian Creek Designs -- **Jill** (one year, \$45 earrings)

Wild Woods Craft Kits -- **Jill** (Katherine has given basket kits before.)

Pony Espresso - **(open)** (one year, bag of coffee beans and tumbler)

Pure Training Studio (**Carol or Dave?**) (one year 1 month membership certificate)

The Uebners -- Pottery **(open)** (one year \$400 value ceramic spice jar)

Sugar Pine Cafe gift certificates **(open)** (one year 7 \$10 gift certificates)

Sweetwater/Kirstie Kari **(open)** (\$150 wine box last year)

doTerra Oils **(open)**

Studio M **(open)**

Grace Notes Chimes **(open)**

Woodys Indoor Outdoor Grub

The Alley/River Rock Inn and Deli

Sierra Sisters Designs

Carol Hart donating a Penny Otwell painting

MCHS donating 6 original ceiling tiles

Others not listed? All would be welcome!

Senior Project Community Questionnaire

Senior Projects are a service learning requirement at Mariposa County High School. Students must complete a minimum of 15 hours in planning and accomplishing the senior project. Although 15 hours is the minimum, we recognize that some projects take longer to complete and we want to support both students and stakeholders in organizing projects by topic and time so they can sign up for them accordingly. Furthermore, students, in many cases, have big ideas but need opportunities to see them out. The point of this survey is to gather data from community groups who may potentially be able to facilitate student projects, or who may have projects in mind that students have yet to think of. We are always welcoming new ideas! However, please understand that we do not typically assign projects to students. They can choose from a variety of them, or come up with their own. We will try diligently to put forward your project ideas and encourage them to sign up, but they do have agency and choice, so foreseeably some projects may go unclaimed. Thank you for completing the survey and hopefully we will be working together soon. Sincerely, Adam Finney and Annika Zrebski (MCHS Senior English Teachers)

*** Required**

Email address *

Your email

What agency are you with? Please give a brief overview. *

Your answer

What is your name, position, phone number and/or preferred contact information? *

Your answer

In what capacity can students at MCHS assist your agency as part of their senior project? Please give a brief overview of your project need(s). *

Your answer

How long do you estimate this project taking including all training, explanatory meetings, and follow up requirements you see as part of it. *

- 15 hours
- 17-20 hours
- 21-25 hours
- 26-35 hours
- 35 to 50 hours
- more than 50 hours

How many students, ideally, do you see working on your project(s)? Please specify per project; general amounts is fine i.e. 5-7 people on "Outreach" and 6-10 people on "Production." *

Your answer

Who is the contact person for this project, and how will the students be supervised during it? *

Your answer

What is your estimated and or ideal timeline for this project? *

Your answer

Are there any other concerns or questions you have for MCHS senior project coordinators? *

Your answer

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

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Mentoring program back at MCHS

Attachment H

Pairs students with adult mentors in community

By **MATT JOHNSON**
Assistant Editor

A program which was piloted last year at Mariposa County High School is returning for another year.

The Community Connections Mentoring Program is heading into its second year and is under the direction of MCHS's Kathleen Leonard.

"There were some hiccups last year, but the kids are getting a benefit out of it," said Leonard.

This program is a partnership between MCHS, the Academic Boosters Club and Sierra Quest Human Services to connect members of the community with students who would benefit from having an additional positive role model in their lives.

"We're looking at students that slip under the radar," Leonard said, noting that many of them don't get a lot of attention from caring adults.

The main goal of the program is to enrich the lives of children who may desire mentoring outside the school, through forming lasting bonds with community members.

Students participating in the program are enrolled at MCHS and agree to participate in the program, which is strictly voluntary. MCHS 2019-2021 ABC meeting packet
hobbies, interests and preferences with students to ensure the best match possible.

sible.

Each match is unique in that every student has a different personality, needs and expectations. Getting together doesn't require a special occasion or expensive activity. The activities can simply be a time to do things both the mentor and student enjoy. A few examples are: going to lunch, learning a craft or trade or doing a hobby.

The mentors are screened, with fingerprinting, a TB test and a LiveScan conducted.

The mentors also meet with Sierra Quest for training about working with children. They are trained to spot severe trauma issues; they are also trained in mandated reporting.

The mentor and student are followed up with throughout the process to ensure it is a good fit and that the meetings continue to be positive experiences.

"We check to see if both are comfortable and if they want to do it again," Leonard said.

While some mentors are paying for outings themselves, the Academic Boosters Club is funding the monthly outings of others thanks to the support of an anonymous donor.

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