



MCHS Academic Boosters Club Agenda

January 15, 2021

12 PM

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MCHS Academic Boosters Club
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2020
12 PM
via Zoom

Board members present: Jill Harry (chair/secretary), Ruth Smiley (vice chair), Leigh Westerland (treasurer), Tara Schiff

Board member absent: Lordelyn del Rosario

Public: Kathy Leonard

I. Call to order

Jill called the meeting to order at 12:05.

II. Approval of minutes from October 2 meeting

Ruth moved to approve the minutes; Leigh seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Business and Finance

A. Sept Treasurer's Report

ABC had a balance of \$25,568.40 on August 31, 2020. There was no activity the month of September. The ending balance remained the same.

Jill moved to approve the report. Ruth seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Oct Treasurer's Report

ABC had a balance of \$25,568.40 on September 30, 2020. There were withdrawals for insurance and for the first Career Lunch of the school year. The ending balance was \$24,685.42.

Jill moved to approve the report. Ruth seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Auditorium seating fundraiser results

Celeste reached out to Jill in early October to let her know that work crews were going to be taking out auditorium seating within days and if ABC would like, we could use this opportunity for a quick fundraiser. Jill put together a flyer and advertised on Facebook that sets of 5 (the aisle rows) were available for a \$100 donation, but they had to be picked up within a few days. Many people expressed interest. We've received \$1,400 and the people who participated are very happy owning this piece of history. New seats with a very similar look are going to be installed, paid for with bond money.

D. Stand-alone HEPA filters for teachers

This item was discussed via email prior to the meeting: It came to Jill's attention that a number of teachers at MCHS purchased standalone HEPA filter systems for their classrooms in order to help keep themselves and students safe. In corresponding with Celeste and Drew Sylvia, Assistant Superintendent, Jill learned that in MCUSD's negotiations with the teachers' union, standalone HEPA filters were discussed but ultimately decided against because MCUSD said they can't sustain the cost of changing out the filters inside the devices on a regular basis and because the health department couldn't guarantee that the filters would be effective in eliminating Covid germs. (Of course, no one is going to guarantee anything, but the little bit of research Jill did showed that the HEPA filters are effective in filtering out not just Covid, but flu germs, etc.)

Sylvia said the air scrubbers currently in the building filtration systems throughout the District are on loan. They are being paid for by the district's insurance company. They do have a HEPA

filter in them and they will likely be in place until December. He said changing out the filters in these cost \$15k district-wide. He said they have a 6mos supply of PPE and will be ordering more. He said the district received about \$2mil in CARES funding. Some has to be spent by Dec, some goes all the way out until 2022. He pointed Jill to this doc with info on how it is being spent (includes numbers):

[https://www.mcusd.org/files/user/26/file/Learning%20Continuity%20and%20Attendance%20Plan%202020-2021%20\(DRAFT\).pdf](https://www.mcusd.org/files/user/26/file/Learning%20Continuity%20and%20Attendance%20Plan%202020-2021%20(DRAFT).pdf) <[https://www.mcusd.org/files/user/26/file/Learning%20Continuity%20and%20Attendance%20Plan%202020-2021%20\(DRAFT\).pdf](https://www.mcusd.org/files/user/26/file/Learning%20Continuity%20and%20Attendance%20Plan%202020-2021%20(DRAFT).pdf)>

In an email to board members, Jill moved that that ABC reimburse teachers up to \$150 per teacher, up to \$3,000 total, for the standalone HEPA filters they have purchased or plan to purchase to help keep themselves and students safe from coronavirus (plus flu, smoke, etc), provided they give us a copy of their receipt. She noted she would also request they take a picture with the check we give them and/or the HEPA filter device that we could then use to help us with our "Season of Giving" fundraising efforts, raising additional money so that we can do more for teachers/students as needs arise this school year.

There are 28 teachers at MCHS. In checking around, Kathy said a number of teachers have purchased filters but also thinks less than 20 will request this. If by chance more than 20 request it, we can revisit the number.

Via an email vote, all board members approved the motion. Motion carried.

At the time of the board meeting, 6 teachers had submitted receipts. Jill was working on getting checks to them and will get receipts to Leigh.

E. 2020-2021 Budget Overview

Auditorium seats were added as fundraising income to the budget.

IV. Career Lunch

A. Oct Career Lunch - cancelled

Tara had lined up general contractor Scott Eastwood for our Oct 22 Career Lunch, but only 1 student signed up in person and 3 people signed up via Zoom, plus Scott fell ill. We cancelled the October lunch.

B. Discussion/planning future lunches

After discussion about students' schedules, the pluses and minuses of holding Career Lunches after school versus during a shortened Friday lunch period or before online classes begin on Fridays, all agreed that it is probably best to hold off on scheduling more Career Lunches until students are back in school with a normal schedule full time. Tara said Scott Eastwood and Jared Brandauer are interested in presenting when we resume. Kathy is going to check in with our Career Lunch "regulars," but it is likely we will wait.

C. UC Merced panel offer update

MCUSD graduate and current UC Merced student Karla Rodriguez is part of a club that would like to host a Zoom panel to give students information and an opportunity to get questions answered about the university. Jill has put Kathy and Karla in touch with each other to figure out a date and time.

V. Season of Giving campaigns

A. Letter campaign

Jill shared the 2020 draft letter with board members. All comments were favorable. Jill get the letter printed and sent to those on our mailing list as well as advertise on Facebook, Instagram, and in our newsletter. Members' sharing of the letter will also help. Jill will have extra letter packages available if anyone would like to send some to relatives or others who they think might be supportive.

B. #GivingTuesday on Facebook December 1

Jill shared the email from the #GivingTuesday team about steps to be taken for this fundraiser. It's a pretty easy fundraiser to manage and Jill will get started in time for the December 1 date.

VI. Open Forum

There were no items for open forum.

VII. Set Date, Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, December 4, at noon, via Zoom.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:35.

ABC Treasurer's Report for

Nov-20

Beginning balance	10/31/2020	\$	24,685.42	
Ending balance	11/30/2020	\$	25,727.25	
Total deposits		\$	1,400.00	
	11/16/2020		\$1,400.00	Auditorium chair deposit
Total withdrawals			(\$358.17)	
	11/11/2020		(\$150.00)	Buz Arnold - HEPA filter
	11/11/2020		(\$58.17)	Gianna Hays - HEPA filter
	11/11/2020		(\$150.00)	Stephanie Bobman - HEPA filter

ABC Treasurer's Report for

Dec-20

Beginning balance	11/30/2020	\$	25,727.25	
Ending balance	12/31/2020	\$	25,992.33	
Total deposits		\$	771.98	
	12/27/2020		\$448.38	paypal deposit - season of giving donations
	12/27/2020		\$193.60	paypal deposit - season of giving donations
	12/21/2020		\$130.00	Facebook payment giving Tuesday
Total withdrawals			(\$506.90)	
	11/27/2020		(\$56.90)	check re-order should arrive 12/11
	11/11/2020		(\$150.00)	Brooke Dobson - HEPA filter
	11/11/2020		(\$150.00)	Adam Finney - HEPA filter
	11/11/2020		(\$150.00)	Pete Bothwell - HEPA filter

FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET										
MCHS ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB										
ANNUAL EXPENSES	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 BUDGET	FY21 YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL INCOME	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 BUDGET	FY21 YTD ACTUAL	Notes		
<i>Events and Requests</i>				<i>Fundraisers</i>						
Dinner with a Scientist (AAUW)	\$ (600.00)	\$ -		Dance Party	\$ 2,730	\$ 2,500				
Career Lunches	\$ (629.63)	\$ (1,800.00)	\$ (126.98)	Year end season of giving	\$ 3,164	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,192			
Academic Achievement Night	\$ (1,005.14)	\$ (1,000.00)		Facebook Giving Tuesday	\$ 398	\$ 500	\$ 725			
Valedictorian Dinner	\$ (2,360.23)	\$ (2,400.00)								
UC Merced Lab Tours	\$ (285.96)	\$ -								
Community Connections		\$ (1,000.00)								
California Scholarship Federation field trip		\$ (400.00)		Subtotal fundraisers	\$ 6,292	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,917			
Teacher/Other Requests	\$ (278.56)	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (808.17)							
Dance Party	\$ (1,555.30)	\$ (1,600.00)		<i>Donations</i>						
Personal Best Awards		\$ (1,000.00)		Anonymous*	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000				
Aramark Career Day Field Trip		\$ (300.00)		HHSA donation	\$ 3,700		\$ 2,200			
Chromebooks or equivalent	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)		Probation donation	\$ 250		\$ 250			
				Auditorium seats		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500			
Subtotal Events and Requests	\$ (8,714.82)	\$ (13,500.00)	\$ (935.15)	Subtotal donations	\$ 6,950	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,950			
<i>Administrative Costs</i>				<i>Corporate Donors</i>						
Postage and office supplies	\$ (143.07)	\$ (250.00)		Sierra Tel	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		Valedictorian Dinner		
Insurance and Tax Fees	\$ (756.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (796.00)	Tavis Corp				up to \$1,000 specific requests		
California State Statement of Information bi-annually		\$ (20.00)		Yosemite Bank	\$ 500	\$ 500		UC Merced Lab Tours		
PO Box	\$ (92.00)	\$ (100.00)		Subtotal corporate donors	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -			
New Checks		\$ (30.00)	\$ (56.90)							
Website	\$ (287.64)	\$ (300.00)		<i>Grants</i>						
Zoom (monthly \$14.99 x 9 months)		\$ (135.00)		Mariposa Comm Foundation		\$ -				
Subtotal admin. costs	\$ (1,278.71)	\$ (1,835.00)	\$ (852.90)	Subtotal grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
<i>Special One Time Costs not covered elsewhere</i>										
Hamilton Trip Contribution	\$ (2,000.00)									
Subtotal special one time costs	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -							
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (11,993.53)	\$ (15,335.00)	\$ (1,788.05)	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 14,742	\$ 11,500	\$ 6,867			
				ACCOUNT BALANCE			\$ 30,687			
				BUDGET BALANCE	\$ 2,749	\$ (3,835)	\$ 5,079			



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Yosemite Bank
Attn: Matthew Foraker
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January 15, 2021

Dear Mr. Foraker:

Thank you for Yosemite Bank's generous 2020 donation of \$500 to Mariposa Academic Boosters Club, Inc. (ABC) in support of our UC Merced Lab Tours program for MCHS students.

Unfortunately, some of our regular programs and fundraising events have had to be put on hold this school year given the guidelines and limitations around the Covid-19 pandemic. This include the Lab Tours program.

In spite of obstacles, ABC is as committed as ever to providing support to teachers, fortifying the learning and enrichment opportunities of students, and celebrating student successes. Also, we are currently planning ways to make the end of the school year as special as possible for this year's graduating class. Would Yosemite Bank be interested in providing a 2020 tax-deductible contribution to help ABC with these objectives?

ABC would gladly promote Yosemite Bank's generosity with photos and information provided to the Mariposa Gazette, Sierra Sun Times, and on our social media accounts. We also have a full-featured web site on which Yosemite Bank is, and will continue to be, listed on our Sponsor page.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Jill Harry
Chair

Jill and Ruth are both members of School Site Council this year. The first meeting was held in December, right before break. Here are the draft minutes from the sections that might be of interest to ABC members:

Ruth joined me on School Site Council this year. Thank you, Ruth! We had our first meeting right before break. Here are the notes from sections you might be interested in:

1. Discussion and Suggestions for Parent Outreach and Parent Involvement Activities

- *Celeste said she is working with staff on outreach to parents about downloading and accessing the Canvas parent app to keep up to date on their student(s)' progress. Celeste will be leading small group meetings. There will be changes to Canvas to make it easier for students and parents.*
- *There was discussion about how to reach out to parents to provide support and resources to help with the mental health of students. Jennifer said that January is suicide prevention month and outreach will be done about what signs to watch out for. Staff is also doing student by student outreach to address mental health issues based on answers from the recent student survey. Mariposa County Behavioral Health won a grant that is being used in conjunction with Sierra Quest, providing what they are calling a mentor so as not to confuse with MCHS counseling staff, but these people (3) are certified counselors, who will provide preventive counseling to students. One works with students on campus. Two are able to make home visits or see students online. They are also looking into safe, outdoor activities for students.*
- *MCHS will be working proactively with parents during the second semester specifically regarding students' grades and ways for all to be more positive. Sarah noted that in her district in Merced, to help with parent engagement, they held a drive through to congratulate all students who improved their GPA. Students received a certificate and a swag bag and it made parents feel proud.*

Perhaps this would be successful at MCHS as well.

- *The group discussed student mentorship - peers helping each other. In past years, the Natural Helpers program was successful in doing this. Celeste will look to see if Natural Helpers has developed any specific tips or programs for the distance learning model. Link Crew - juniors and seniors helping freshman - lost momentum this year, but Celeste will look to see what can be done to revitalize that program.*

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a. Update and Approve the 2020-2021 SPSA

Celeste pointed out the 2020-2021 SPSA was updated last year and in practice now.

This group will have input on next year's SPSA and also approve how the high school is spending its 2020-2021 SPSA funds.

MCHS received \$161k in Title 1 funding. About half of this is rolled over from last year. A breakdown of the budget was linked in the agenda.

- *MCHS has hired 3 6-hour aides to help with the 30 or so students who are on campus 4-5 days a week because they either have no internet at home or are at risk. Penny Long is helping students who need credit recovery or who are struggling, providing one on one support. So is Dana Tafoya.*
- *Some funding was used to replace sound systems in classrooms so that students can hear the teacher no matter where they are in the classroom.*
- *The district purchased laptops for teachers, but counselors and aides are also working with students from home and so some funding was used to purchase them laptops.*
- *Some funding was used to purchase SmartBoards as well as stands so they can be rolled around in the classroom rather than bolted to walls, especially important*

right now as some classrooms are temporary as work is about to start on a new classroom building on lower campus.

- *Some money has been set aside for Link Crew and for parent involvement activities. Celeste will look into ways to utilize these funds towards what we discussed in item E above, Parent Outreach and Involvement Activities.*

Jennifer moved to approve the 2020-2021 SPSA budget. Lori seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Update on Facilities Master Plan/go forwards related to Bond funding

The lower campus was fenced off the day of this meeting. In January, crews will be taking out seven classrooms and making the area ready for a new building. It is scheduled to take 361 days to complete. Drainage projects at Grizzly field and also behind campus are almost complete. MCHS has a new, very up to date fire alarm system. New seating was put into Fiester Auditorium.

c. Construction update

See above.

d. Distance Learning/Hybrid Model

Celeste noted that MCHS is on a holding pattern, continuing with the hybrid model. About 25-30% of students are participating fully in distance learning. The rest are participating in the hybrid model. The high school saw a number of students move to distance learning the last two weeks of the semester, but they are expected to return to the hybrid model at the start of next semester. Through the recent student survey, MCHS gave students the option of choosing what days they attend so perhaps they can be on campus with more friends and also gave them the ability to choose their lunch zones.

At the start of this school year, MCHS lost 70 students. Many of them went to the home school program, some moved or left for other reasons. MCHS now has 410 students. There are 15 seniors who chose to finish up early and will be graduating over break. The senior class potentially will have 70 students graduating at the end of the year. While the state held last year's numbers for determining this year's school budgets, it is unknown if they will hold the numbers again next school year. MCHS is looking at potential budget cuts next year.

Staff is reflecting on student survey results, working on ways to help with student engagement and keep students from failing. MCHS allowed students to take Merced College courses in place of electives. Staff is also looking at revamping some electives. Drama is looking into doing a streaming production next semester, maybe showcasing individual student pieces. Mrs. Zriebeski, who subbed for Mr. Starchman during his sabbatical and worked with him the first part of this school year, has been hired to teach Drama and English.

CIF is not calling off athletics. Currently they are saying January 25 is the earliest that there might be competition.