



MCHS Academic Boosters Club Agenda

February 11, 2022

Noon

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MCHS Academic Boosters Club  
Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2022  
Zoom

Board members present: Jill Harry (chair/secretary), Ruth Smiley (vice chair), Tara Schiff, Lordelyn Del Rosario

Absent: Leigh Westerlund (treasurer)

Public present: Collette Cole

I. Call to order

Jill called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

II. Approval of minutes from November 19 meeting

Tara moved to approve the minutes. Lyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Business and Finance

A. November Treasurer's Report

On October 31, 2021, ABC had a balance of \$25,094.97. On November 30, the balance was \$24,236.82. ABC had a deposit of \$27.11 from AmazonSmile donations and withdrawals totaling \$885.26 for Chromebooks for last year's seniors and Combs Printing of the Season of Giving letter. Ruth moved to approve the November report. Lyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. December Treasurer's Report

On November 30, 2021, ABC had a balance of \$24,236.82. On December 31, the balance was \$24,833.82. ABC had a deposit of \$597 from its Facebook #GivingTuesday campaign. Tara moved to approve the December Treasurer's Report. Lyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. 2021-2022 Budget Overview

D. End of year donation campaigns - results

Jill combined a conversation about the budget overview with the end of year campaign results. She noted the end of year donation campaigns went very well. ABC received \$2,480 in personal donations as a result of the end of year letter. The letter also prompted a donation of \$2,000 from Health and Human Services specifically for Career Lunches and Personal Best Awards, and a donation of \$250 from the Mariposa County Probation Department. In addition, our Anonymous Donor sent ABC a check for \$3,000. Jill has sent thank you notes and donation receipts to all who donated. In addition, she is working on sending out a "Best wishes in 2022" photo card to all who have donated to ABC in any way, including cash, services, and auction gifts over the years and is also getting hard copies of this to Collette to put in all MCHS staff mailboxes.

D. Draft Annual Letter to Premier Valley Bank

This year's letter requests funds to help fund ABC gifting chrome books or a gift card equivalent to graduating seniors. There were no comments on the letter. Jill will send it out.

IV. Programs

A. Staff Club raffle gifts

Jill continues to purchase 2 \$25 gift cards per month from local food/drink establishments. The Gazette and SST have both recently published photos and info about this.

## B. Career Lunch

We tentatively schedule a Career Lunch for Thursday, February 24. Tara will check with Gonzo Tafoya and Therese Williams about this date. We will postpone it again if necessary depending on the number of Covid cases and if they are increasing. This is after our next board meeting so we can talk about it and decide at the next meeting.

## C. On the Right Track

Testing for freshman - juniors is happening sometime in May but specific dates have not been set. This event is aimed at seniors both to keep the number participating manageable and so that it can become an annual event. Since it is during the school day and to make it worthwhile for us to set up and vendors to participate, it is not an optional event. In addition to providing information on practical life skills like how to set up a bank account, secure a loan, buy a car, tap into employment resources, etc, ABC can provide some participation raffle prizes (or maybe vendors will want to provide them) to make it not just educational, but fun for the seniors. Since it's related to businesses, Tara will take the lead on setting up the event. She expects we should start working on it 3-4 months out (Feb-Mar), so we will discuss again next meeting and decide next steps if we want to pursue it for this year. This is based on an event that Calaveras County puts on every year. Tara has a meeting with Calaveras reps soon and will discuss it to get more ideas from them when they meet.

## V. Open Forum

Jill noted that we should start thinking about recruiting members for future years. She and Tara will have one more year after this one; Leigh and Ruth will have one more after that. Rather than sending out a general call for members, Jill asked those present to think about who they know from the elementary schools with kids soon coming to the high school who have been active in parent-teacher groups or who they've worked with on other things and they think might be a good fit for ABC. Jill will ask about this again next month.

Collette noted that she is working with students on their Dual Enrollment classes. She'll be setting up a meeting with parents for future semesters as she is finding students are not familiar with the need to purchase books for these classes and similar items related to college level classes.

In response to a question regarding scholarships, Collette noted that this item has now been taken over by the registrar, Ashley. She believes correspondence has gone out to both seniors and their parents regarding available scholarships and will double check this. Many scholarships are due February 19.

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

The next meeting will be Friday, February 11 at noon via Zoom.

## VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:40.

<b>ABC Treasurer's Report for</b>	Jan-22			
Beginning balance	12/31/21	\$	24,833.82	
Ending balance	1/31/22	\$	32,560.44	
Total deposits		\$	7,726.62	
	1/1/22		\$96.62	Denisha Dawson Paypal donation
	1/3/22		\$4,130.00	Deposit end of season giving
	1/25/22		\$3,500.00	Deposit anonymous donor and end of season giving
Total withdrawals			\$0.00	

FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET										
MCHS ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB										
ANNUAL EXPENSES	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL INCOME	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 YTD ACTUAL	Notes		
<i>Events and Requests</i>				<i>Fundraisers</i>						
Dinner with a Scientist (AAUW)				Dance Party		\$ 2,500				
Career Lunches	\$ (126.98)	\$ (1,000.00)		Year end season of giving	\$ 2,731	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,477			
Academic Achievement Night	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)		Facebook Giving Tuesday	\$ 725	\$ 500	\$ 597			
Valedictorian Dinner	\$ (3,883.07)	\$ (3,600.00)		Amazon Smile			\$ 27			
UC Merced Lab Tours										
Community Connections										
California Scholarship Federation field trip		\$ (400.00)		<b>Subtotal fundraisers</b>	<b>\$ 3,456</b>	<b>\$ 5,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,101</b>			
Teacher/Other Requests	\$ (808.17)	\$ (2,000.00)								
Dance Party		\$ (1,600.00)		<i>Donations</i>						
Personal Best Awards		\$ (1,000.00)		Anonymous*		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000			
Aramark Career Day Field Trip				HSA donation	\$ 2,200		\$ 2,000			personal best and career lunches
Chromebooks or equivalent	\$ (840.00)	\$ (2,000.00)		Probation donation	\$ 250		\$ 250			
Staff Raffle	\$ (1,170.87)	\$ (500.00)		Auditorium seats	\$ 1,500					
Staff Appreciation	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)								
<b>Subtotal Events and Requests</b>	<b>\$ (7,829.09)</b>	<b>\$ (14,100.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>Subtotal donations</b>	<b>\$ 3,950</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,250</b>			
<i>Administrative Costs</i>				<i>Corporate Donors</i>						
Postage and office supplies	\$ (234.28)	\$ (250.00)	\$ (45.26)	Sierra Tel	\$ -	\$ 1,000				
Insurance and Tax Fees	\$ (796.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (756.00)	Tavis Corp						
California State Statement of Information bi-annually		\$ (20.00)		Premier Valley Bank	\$ 91	\$ 500				
PO Box		\$ (100.00)								
New Checks	\$ (56.90)	\$ (30.00)		<b>Subtotal corporate donors</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			
Website		\$ (300.00)								
Zoom (monthly \$14.99 x 9 months)	\$ (89.94)	\$ (135.00)								
				<i>Grants</i>						
<b>Subtotal admin. costs</b>	<b>\$ (1,177.12)</b>	<b>\$ (1,835.00)</b>	<b>\$ (801.26)</b>	Mariposa Comm Foundation		\$ -				
<i>Special One Time Costs not covered elsewhere</i>				<b>Subtotal grants</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			
<b>Subtotal special one time costs</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>							
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (9,006.21)</b>	<b>\$ (15,935.00)</b>	<b>\$ (801.26)</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 7,497</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,351</b>			
				<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 32,560</b>			
				<b>BUDGET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (1,509)</b>	<b>\$ (5,935)</b>	<b>\$ 7,549</b>			

**“On the Right Track” event**

From May 10, 2019 meeting minutes:

Tara brought up the idea of a new program in collaboration with the County, Chamber of Commerce, and MotherLode Job Training. Calaveras County sponsors a program targeted at seniors to make sure they are familiar with real life situations like how to open a bank account; getting a loan; working with lawyers; and so on. In Calaveras, it's one full day of activities with organizations each represented in booths. Students are given one of 4 real life situations to work through.

Jill mentioned that in Grizzly U, freshman work on a 10 year plan and she is not sure what else. Even if there is overlap, it would be good to do a program like what Tara is suggesting senior year. It was suggested maybe what freshman worked on could be saved and shown to them during this program senior year.

Everyone liked the idea of doing a program similar to the Calaveras County program for MCHS students. Kathleen will check with Celeste to make sure it is of interest to administration. If it is, Kathleen will talk to her about possible days. Kathleen mentioned that in the fall (October?), freshman through juniors take the PSAT. This year, MCHS had activities for seniors in the gymnasium. Perhaps this could be the program we are discussing instead. That would be quick to get organized for this coming fall; Tara would like to plan for it for the spring at least for this coming school year. We will discuss this again at our planning meeting when we have an answer from Celeste and maybe some possible dates.

**Update Nov 2019:** Kathleen spoke with Celeste about this and Celeste likes the idea of doing it fall 2020 when all but the seniors are taking the PSAT (it was Oct 16 this year). That gives us plenty of time to plan and it will be easier to manage with 100+ students rather than 400+ students. This way, too, it can become an annual event.

**Update Jan 2021:** The funding for PSAT testing has gone away so all freshman - seniors no longer do this on a day in Oct. Other testing for freshman - juniors is happening sometime in May but specific dates have not been set. “On the Right Track” is aimed at seniors both to keep the number participating manageable and so that it can become an annual event. Since it is during the school day and to make it worthwhile for us to set up and vendors to participate, it is not an optional event. In addition to providing information on practical life skills like how to set up a bank account, secure a loan, buy a car, tap into employment resources, etc, ABC can provide some participation raffle prizes (or maybe vendors will want to provide them) to make it not just educational, but fun for the seniors. Since it's related to businesses, Tara will take the lead on setting up the event. She expects we should start working on it 3-4 months out (Feb-Mar), so we will discuss again next meeting and decide next steps if we want to pursue it for this year. This is based on an event that Calaveras County puts on every year. Tara has a meeting with Calaveras reps soon and will discuss it to get more ideas from them when they meet.

From Collette: Our office was contacted by Tiffany Swartz of Arbor Works (559) 580-2290 who wanted to participate in a job fair (yet we do not have one planned) and we thought possibly they could have a booth for the On The Right Track event to share hiring information with the Seniors?

## Personal Best Awards

From 2018:

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 then 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.

**January 2022 update:**

Mariposa County Health and Human Services donated \$2,000 to ABC's end of year fundraising campaign, \$1,000 of which was designated to Personal Best Awards. While we don't have to report back to HHS, it would be great to get this program going.

From Collette: Per speaking with the counselors; it was suggested that ABC could put together a formal proposal for implementing this that I can have approved by the principal and that possibly I would then take it into all of the English classes for students to possibly do either voluntarily or as an assignment depending on how ABC wanted to handle this. Also, it was suggested that maybe a pizza (&/or ice cream?) party at lunch time would be more rewarding to most students than any sort of technology award, (cell phone minutes/kindle), since most students seemingly have the technology they want already?

From Jill: I have included a copy of the 2009 application with my suggested changes. I'd like us to take a look at the application and essay questions and think about if we would like to revamp these as well. I would suggest that rather than having MCHS English teachers look at the applications, that ABC form a committee that reads them over and makes the decision and this becomes an ABC award rather than an MCHS award. (Would be great if we could receive the applications without knowing who wrote them.) Maybe we let the winning students decide on a prize from a list of options: cell phone minutes, gas card, other suggestions? We thought of steering away from cash before because we thought then we'd have all students including high achievers more likely to apply. But if my suggested language changes are approved and we can focus this on students who have significantly raised a grade through their hard work, then maybe a cash prize is fine.

# MCHS Personal Best Scholarship Program 2009

This annual scholarship is open to all Mariposa County High School students in grades 9-12 who feel that they have achieved their personal academic best during the school year. Applicants must submit all of the following:

- an application,
- an essay explaining how they feel they have achieved their personal best,
- two teacher recommendation forms. One teacher must be from a core academic subject (English, Math, Science, History).

All applications must be received by the counseling office no later than 3pm Monday, May 11, 2009.

There will be four awards, one per grade level, given annually to students who clearly demonstrate the achievement of their personal academic best during the school year. A student may only receive the award once during their education at Mariposa County High School.

The award is a netbook computer with Microsoft Office installed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

What academic goals did you set for yourself this year and how did you achieve them?

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What do you hope to have accomplished ten years from now?

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Describe some of your hobbies, interests, responsibilities and extracurricular activities you have been involved in while attending MCHS.

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*have achieved significant academic growth during the school year, whether it be raising a*

*failing grade to a passing grade,*

*completing a credit recovery*

*program, working with a teacher*

*or tutor to bring up a grade by*

*one full letter,*

*or some other significant achievement*

*toward a personal academic goal.*

*or MCHS staff tutor*

**Essay:**

**Please respond completely to the following prompt in a double spaced, typed essay of a minimum of 150 words.**

**Explain how you have grown as a student this year. What academic challenges have you faced and how have you overcome them?**

## Succession Planning/Recruiting New Members

From last month's minutes:

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