



MCHS Academic Boosters Club Agenda

March 18, 2022

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MCHS Academic Boosters Club
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2022
Zoom

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

I. Call to order

Jill called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

II. Approval of minutes from February 11 meeting

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

III. Business and Finance

A. February Treasurer's Report

On January 31, the balance was \$32,560.44. On February 28, the balance was \$3,2404.44 due to the withdrawal of \$156 for the annual USPS PO Box fee payment. Ruth moved to approve the report. Jill seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. 2021-2022 Budget Overview

Jill noted that on the expense side, ABC wouldn't be incurring the \$1,000 budgeted for Career Lunches, the \$1,600 for the Dance Party, and the Teacher/Other requests would likely be far less than the \$2,000 budgeted. On the Income side, we will not have income from a Dance Party and we will not be receiving \$1,000 from Sierra Tel. In response to our grant request, Sierra Tel will give each valedictorian a personalized pad folio. Leigh noted that rather than adjusting the budget projections, we will note these changes in the actual column.

C. Snack booth at Trails Day June 4

Tara will reach out to Dave Conway in Environmental Health to see what we can sell in our booth without requiring a permit.

IV. Programs

A. Valedictorian Dinner planning

All looked over the cost breakdown provided by Ruth. Ruth noted that she had a lot of back and forth with Katie at The Grove House regarding costs and services for the event. Originally, The Grove House had suggested charging us \$33 per plate. On hearing this would not be possible for us, TGH brought the cost down to \$23 per plate.

Ruth had suggested to TGH that our volunteers could help with serving, clean up, etc, cutting down on our needs of TGH staff, but Katie let her know that TGH is planning to be open full time starting soon and is not willing to cut back on what would be normal staff hours. Plus, TGH staff would still need to mop floors, clean bathrooms, wash dishes, etc. The positive side of that is that TGH staff will serve the food, bringing it to the tables, and will do a lot of the work that volunteers did last year that Ruth doesn't want to take on again.

Ruth had suggested to TGH that rather than making the venue exclusive to us, TGH could keep the bar area open to the public. TGH felt it would be problematic given people for our event arriving all about the same time rather than staggered, making it difficult to serve non-event customers.

Jill asked if there was any way they could lower the price given that they would be able to open to the public after our event. Ruth noted that given the number of valedictorians, there will be more speeches and the event will likely go longer than past events. Plus, it will take a

while to clean up and put things back to normal, so she's not sure if TGH will want to open to the public after our event.

Jill noted that if all 64 invitees attended, the cost would be \$47 per person, which does not seem sustainable for years ahead. It was noted that Savoury's used to charge about \$22 per person, but that was before Covid when prices were lower and Savoury's, depending on the number of valedictorians, would either be open to the public during the event (when we were in the alcove) or ask that we finish promptly by 7 so that they could re-open to the public (when we were in the main section of the restaurant). This is also much more than the \$1,500/\$30 per person cost of River Rock last year, but Ruth noted that's because River Rock provided food and the space, but she and volunteers did all the set up, serving, clean up, etc noting that's a big job she doesn't want to take on again.

All agreed we need to move forward as outlined for this year, noting what a special event it is for all the attendees, but Jill asked Ruth if, after this event is over for this year, would Ruth be willing to start much earlier in exploring the concept with all viable options, including Savory's new owner, Caroline Briese/BB's Catering, The Alley, and any other places that might work, asking them to keep in mind that we are a non-profit trying to do something special for high school students. This way, we can potentially get quotes from a number of places and figure out what would be best. Ruth agreed. She also noted that Caroline McGrath at the Bug would also be a good person to approach. Ruth noted she would like to settle in on one place to do this for a number of years to come as doing this up front leg work every year does take time.

Ruth let us know that Naoko spoke with her about Naoko providing a special dessert for this year. She is talking about going to Morrisa Rose, owner/baker of The Joyful Owl providing desserts to Little House of Ramen and former baker for Savoury's. All were in favor of this.

The group discussed chair seating and shade coverage. There will be some chairs and there will be shade.

Leigh mentioned asking the Floral Design class about making centerpieces for the event. Jill said she would check but noted we would probably have to pay for the cost of materials and doesn't know if this is an additional cost we want to incur this year.

All agreed we are fine with TGH's rectangular plates.

Ruth noted we will need to bring a PA system like last year, noting that Jonah did a great job setting that up for us. She will also need a few volunteers to help potentially with removing finished dinner dishes and cutting/serving cake. We will talk about these and any other details at a future meeting.

Ruth asked when we might have a final count of people and know of any vegetarian meal preferences. Jill said that the high school will finalize who the valedictorians are by May 4. They will then create an invitation letting them know of their status and inviting them to the event, including all the details. The students will need a little time to think about who they want to invite, actually invite them and hear back. It will take at least a week and that's with Collette really reminding students and contacting them directly for their information. So maybe, May 11, but that is really optimistic. Ruth will check with TGH on when they need final numbers.

A revised list of costs is included with these minutes.

Tara moved to approve the event details as discussed and a budget of about \$4,000. Lyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. On the Right Track

Due to time constraints, Tara went through only a few slides of a presentation about the On the Right Track program put on in Calaveras County. Now that the creator of the program has

ties with Mariposa County through the Calaveras-Mariposa Community Action Agency, she is willing to provide her trademarked material to Mariposa for free. She and members of the CMCA are willing to help with the event as well. They will also provide binders with pertinent information for the students to take with them from the event. The organizer has suggested the MCHS postpone holding the event until Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 so that, in the meantime, we can attend one in Calavaras County and get a better idea of what they are all about. There will be one at Bret Harte High School on April 25 and another at Calaveras HS on May 12. Tara is interested in attending and others are welcome. It was suggested that it may be a good idea specifically for Collette to attend. All agreed with this plan.

It was mentioned that the high school had in prior years received funding to provide PSATs to freshman through juniors. Since MCHS is no longer receiving this funding, the question arose if it was something ABC might be able to fund, as we funded AP testing in years past. Jill made a note to ask Collette about this.

At this point in the meeting, we ran out of time. Those who were able to hang on for a few more minutes agreed to meeting again the following week, Friday, March 18, at noon, via zoom to discuss the remaining agenda items and revisit any of the previous agenda items that needed any further discussion. Jill will reach out to all to see if this day/time works.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

- C. Personal Best Awards proposal
- D. Career Lunch Draft Survey and Relaunch Discussion

- V. Misc
 - A. Succession Planning/recruiting new members
 - B. Update on School weekly newsletter

- VI. Open Forum

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Valedictorian Dinner Costs 2021							
-1,500.00	River Rock dinner (\$30 per person, 50 people)						
	Set up, serving, clearing, clean up - all done by ABC volunteers						
-210.00	River Rock drinks						
125.87	drinks - cash, square (left \$84.13 in drinks uncovered)						
-98.05	Creekside nursery - plants						
-58.00	Pioneer Market - cake						
-102.76	Ruth - reimbursement for cups, drinks, flowers, etc						
-688.50	gift cards (\$50 x 12 = \$600 + \$88 service fee = lowest cost I could find)						
-204.73	Combs Printing - 50 valedictorian programs (could do double-sided full color = .40 each or \$24)						
-644.35	"valedictorian stuff"?						
-3,380.52	TOTAL						
Potential Valedictorian Costs 2022							
	NOTE: the breakdown Ruth provided was for 55 people. While it is unlikely that our final						
	number of attendees will be the 64 potential as outlined below, we have to plan for the largest cost.						
	Dinner costs - 64 people (Vals + guests + speaker, speaker guest, MC, principal)						
	Food - \$23 per plate for as many as 64 people = \$1,472 x 20% gratuity = \$294 for a total of \$1,766.40						
	Kitchen Food Prep (2 days) and Day of hours + Head Chef = \$670						
	Exclusive use of venue/bar + bar staff \$600						
3,036.40	(\$47 per person)						
	Dessert - Naoko is donating dessert						
750.00	Amazon gift cards (15 x\$50 each - going back to Amazon gift cards to avoid service fees and quick "use by" dates)						
26.00	full color programs (65 x .40 each)						
	plus? Maybe centerpieces from floral design. What else?						
3,812.40	TOTAL						



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Attachment B

February 15, 2022

< APPROVED >

Celeste Azevedo, Principal
Mariposa County High School
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Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Celeste:

For the past few years, ABC has offered to fund Personal Best Awards administered by MCHS. We recognize that MCHS staff has not had time to pursue this. ABC is therefore suggesting that we take over responsibility for administering the award just as many outside agencies set up scholarships for graduating seniors.

We would need Collette Cole and the Counseling Office's help in making students aware of the availability of the award and in collecting applications. As you'll see from the attached draft application, we suggest that ABC receive these applications in a way that would allow us to not know who submitted them. ABC would form a committee to read and score the applications based on significant academic progress (rather than on the writing ability of the students - this isn't a writing contest).

We are suggesting one winner per grade level and a prize of \$250 cash.

We are open to suggestions regarding the application itself, its timing, and the cash prize. Let us know what you think.

Sincerely,

Jill Harry
Chair



**MCHS Academic Boosters Club
Personal Best Scholarship
2022**

This annual scholarship is open to all Mariposa County High School students in grades 9-12 who have achieved significant academic growth during the school year, whether it be raising a failing grade to a passing grade, complete a credit recovery program, working with a teacher or tutor to bring up a grade by one full letter, or some other similar significant achievement toward a personal academic goal. Applicants must submit all of the following:

- an application,
- an essay explaining how you feel you have achieved your personal best,*
- two recommendation letters, one from a teacher and the second from either a teacher or an MCHS staff tutor. 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 Thursday, April 28, 2022.

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 \$250.

Name _____

Address: _____

** Note: Application will be judged for the substance of content rather than for writing skills. This is not a writing contest but rather a search to acknowledge and commend students who have achieved significant academic growth.*

For Office Use Only, Application Number: _____

Current grade level: _____

Please respond completely to the following questions.

Answers should be typed, double-spaced, and attached to the application page.

(Include the questions on your typed pages.)

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

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

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

Essay (Minimum of 150 words):

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

Career Lunch Survey

The MCHS Academic Boosters Club looks forward to offering Career Lunches to MCHS students once again in the 2021-2022 school year.

Career Lunches feature delicious free lunches for you to enjoy during school lunch time while listening to speakers share information about their professions, the path they took to get there, and they also answer your questions.

To make sure we deliver the kind of program of interest to you, please answer the following questions:

1. **Is lunch time the best time for speaking events? If not, what time would be better? (Other options: before school M-Th, before school late start Fridays, after school)**
2. **What careers interest you?
List all careers that interest you regardless of education level needed.**
3. **Would you be interested in hearing from academic institutions?**
4. **What local restaurants would you like us to bring in meals from?**
5. **Besides featuring speakers with careers you are interested in and providing you with a free meal, is there anything else (within reasonable limits) that would entice you to attend?**
6. **Do you foresee any obstacles to attending a speaking event? If so, what?**
7. **How likely are you to attend such an event?
(Please respond either None, Some, Many, All)**

Question from Collette:

Celeste has directed me to do a survey related to the CTE Pathways to learn what fields students are interested in. The survey related to CTE Pathways was intended to possibly assist with the AAUW helping us to coordinate the possibilities of internships, summer or school year jobs, job shadowing, etc... It seems that I may be able to create one survey to encompass both of these needs? I'm attaching the CTE Pathways "cheat sheet" for your reference, as Celeste suggested offering choices to select from since students often don't have a clue about the variety of options that may be possible. Any thoughts?

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

- AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS
- AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS
- AGRISCIENCE
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES
- ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE
- PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE



ARTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

- DESIGN, VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS
- PERFORMING ARTS
- PRODUCTION & MANAGERIAL ARTS
- GAME DESIGN & INTEGRATION



BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES

- CABINETRY, MILLWORK & WOODWORKING
- ENGINEERING & HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
- MECHANICAL SYSTEMS INSTALLATION & REPAIR
- RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION



BUSINESS & FINANCE

- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- FINANCIAL SERVICES
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



EDUCATION, CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SERVICES

- CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- CONSUMER SERVICES
- EDUCATION
- FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES



ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & UTILITIES

- ENERGY & POWER TECHNOLOGY
- ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS



ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE

- ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
- ENGINEERING DESIGN
- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
- ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING



FASHION & INTERIOR DESIGN

- FASHION DESIGN & MERCHANDISING
- INTERIOR DESIGN
- PERSONAL SERVICES



HEALTH SCIENCE & MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

- BIOTECHNOLOGY
- HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
- MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- PATIENT CARE
- PUBLIC & COMMUNITY HEALTH



HOSPITALITY, TOURISM & RECREATION

- FOOD SCIENCE, DIETETICS & NUTRITION
- FOOD SERVICE & HOSPITALITY
- HOSPITALITY, TOURISM & RECREATION



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

- GAMES & SIMULATION
- INFORMATION SUPPORT AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT
- NETWORKING
- SOFTWARE & SYSTEMS



MANUFACTURING & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- GRAPHIC PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES
- PRODUCT INNOVATION & DESIGN
- MACHINING & FORMING TECHNOLOGIES
- WELDING & MATERIALS JOINING



MARKETING, SALES & SERVICE

- ENTREPRENEURSHIP/SELF EMPLOYMENT
- MARKETING
- PROFESSIONAL SALES



PUBLIC SERVICES

- EMERGENCY RESPONSE
- LEGAL PRACTICES
- PUBLIC SAFETY



TRANSPORTATION

- OPERATIONS
- STRUCTURAL REPAIR & REFINISHING
- SYSTEM DIAGNOSTICS, SERVICE & REPAIR



Succession Planning/Recruiting New Members

From January minutes:

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.

From Feb minutes:

The group discussed ways to find new members for next year who might be able to take on leadership roles the following year. Everyone was encouraged to think of who might be a good fit. Jill will reach out to elementary school middle school teachers and principals about active parents. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Suggestion from Naoko:

New members--in addition to principals and middle school teachers, I think vice principals/TOSAs are a good resource, especially for MES parents... Mary Lee knows everyone! Some parents who are active are not easy to work with, unfortunately.

**School Newsletter updates:
(Including for discussion of further suggestions/updates)**

From Naoko:

Thank you, Collette and Jill! Art Club has certainly been active--they painted a mural (although apparently the sponsor of the project was not happy with it and the Club is now repainting large portions of it). And I'm sure you know about the Drama Club. I heard Drama Club had a hard time recruiting enough actors, possibly due to lack of publicity. Dance and Choir have certainly not been active (and for covid reasons, that's understandable).

I wonder if the ASB students are being invited to contribute/find content to add, by checking in with teachers and fellow students. It saves the staff from the additional work, and gets ASB students to be in a bit more ownership of the newsletter. Naoko

From Leigh:

Thank you for looking into this. I woke up thinking about this as I almost missed the meeting to discuss an opportunity to go to France last night, because it's not in the newsletter. I know they are having SAGA meetings. I know they are doing a play and there were tryouts for that. There is an SAT coming up. I'm pretty sure they are still having French club and Spanish club meetings. CSF applications were due recently. There was a spirit week in which kids were supposed to get dressed up. None of which was in the newsletter.

Ironically it turns out that the kid I have at MCHS now, is the one for which I would really benefit from seeing this information. Even with Beck it was good to be able to confirm that he remembered a meeting or submitted an application.

I have heard that juniors and seniors are getting information somehow that used to be in the newsletter, so somehow this information is getting circulated. I suspect that the information is in the morning announcements (if they still do that).

At least for me, the newsletter was a way in which I, as a parent, could be informed and help to support the school by encouraging my kids to try new things and/or do what they needed to do to fully participate in the opportunities provided.

I know things are crazy, but I also know there is a class dedicated to ASB, and much of this information is still getting circulated somehow...

Sorry for the long email. I appreciate everything that everyone is doing at the school. I just wish I was more informed.

Leigh

From Jill

Hi Collette,

Given all the additional info from Leigh and Naoko, is there anything else that can be done as a follow up to this? Could you talk to Celeste about it when you meet with her next Friday and see what she suggests?

From Collette (Feb 17):

So I did copy and paste the email comments for Mrs. Ramsey and have had conversations with all of us here in the counseling office this morning and recognized... "What I didn't Know, Till Now I Know" and am embarrassed to state that I presumed our ASB handled all things newsletter related and did not realize everything we here in the counseling office could be submitting for newsletter information. I have been using our MCHS website link: (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6CGDf814sltr1Y08Znw7ZhhHd051NJrifHirWWC5HzgD6WA/viewform>) to have information read on the morning announcements and before now there was not a way to distinguish if it was for the "bulletin" (which is the morning announcement) or the newsletter or both (which is now an option to select).

Thank you to everyone for the feedback and suggestions! I am being proactive along with Mrs. Ramsey and definitely am sensing the newsletter is going to hopefully become a more valuable source of information for parents. Personally, I really liked the idea of having students be more invested to solicit and report the information! I will keep you posted about any additional information I receive and I do hope that any of you will keep me posted about what your observations are of the future newsletters. Wishing you all a nice day!

Follow-up: ABC can also use the website link for requesting information to be advertised in the bulletin and/or newsletter.

From Jill:

Thanks re info on using the link to promote upcoming ABC student related events. It would also be good to make other orgs who do things with MCHS students aware of this. I'm thinking

- Grizzly Boosters
- Soroptimists
- Rotary
- Arts Council
- ????

I'm sure there are other local orgs who do things related to the high school students that aren't immediately coming to mind.

From Naoko:

Ethos and Safe Family popped up in my mind.