

Morningside High Monarchs Alumni Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2019 MHS Parent Room

- I. **Welcome:** The MHMAA Board meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Beverly Silsbee. Members present: Beverly Silsbee, Nancy Larr, Charlene Brax- Ospital, Carrie Colby, David Bustamante, Patsy Brierley, Hal Hunt and Dawn Vincent. MHS Principal Traci Gholar was also in attendance.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 14, 2018 meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Charlene to approve the minutes and was seconded by Carrie. The motion was unanimously approved.
- III. **Committee Reports:**

*MHS/IUSD Update* – Ms. Gholar provided the Board with an overview of the academic, athletic and extra-curricular programs underway at Morningside. El Camino CCD is offering dual enrollment courses at MHS while also providing student transportation to the college for career related development courses. SCROC personnel come to MHS and offer courses in media design and hospitality occupations. The Omega Gents will send 6 boys on a HBCU college tour in the spring. LAWA has earmarked \$20m for window, door, ceiling and HVAC improvements to 12 classrooms in various buildings around MHS with construction slated to start in the summer 2019. The Rams organization has interacted with MHS with coach and players visits, tickets to games and Ram jerseys gifted to the Monarch football squad. IUSD has created an Ad Hoc committee targeting retention and increased enrollment for all schools. IUSD is hosting enrollment fairs for families to visit school sites and with students leading the campus tours. The State Administrator and Board have decided to downsize the MHS campus footprint, while Woodworth Elementary school will close. Monroe JHS will be converted to a new K-8 school. IUSD will designate the baseball field, tennis courts and the fields between Monroe and MHS as surplus lands. MHS currently has 35 teachers and 690 students in 2018/19. In 2017-18 there were 752 students. Board members asked many follow up questions, particularly as it related to the surplus land designation. In addition Beverly asked Ms. Gholar to direct teachers to purchase items requested from MHMAA through teacher grants. Beverly also offered to fund additional projects as needed.

*Finance (Charlene)* – Financial updates were provided including an Operating Budget for 2018-19 as of January 21, 2019. The beginning balance was \$64,780 as of July 1, 2018. The projected ending fund balance is \$50,380 as of June 30, 2019.

*Teacher Grant Update (Beverly)* - A spreadsheet detailing teacher grants and special projects was presented for the 2018-19 academic year. There were 11 individual teacher requests

ranging from \$1,440 to \$2,500 and \$2,000 earmarked as the Principal Fund. Beverly noted that \$2,500 was received from Mike Madden memorial donations and that the money would be

used for music and art requests. The music teacher, Mr. Lackey, has indicated that the additional funds will be used to enter band competitions.

*Broady Update/Scholarships (Charlene & Beverly)* – The Board received a detailed summary of tax issues related to the annual scholarship donation from the Earl and Anna Broady Foundation. This large, single source donation may create a potential risk to MHMAA’s 501(c) 3 tax status. The Board discussed a variety of ways that could be used to avoid the tax concern including a reduction in the amount of the direct donation and/or encouraging Broady to award scholarships directly to students identified by MHMAA. Beverly and Charlene will arrange to meet with the Broady trustees to further discuss our concerns and their willingness to participate in the scholarship process.

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion of how to pare down MHMAA’s current scholarship process. The Board also discussed the manner in which students are selected, the number of scholarships awarded and whether the process should be competitive. Dave felt that the scholarship committee members should have the opportunity to discuss and vet the process and all related scholarship activities before the Board takes formal action. The scholarship committee will meet separately to overhaul the scholarship process and will report its recommendations to the Board at its next meeting.

Dave and Charlene plan to retrieve all scholarship packets and review so that recommendations for candidates may be presented to the scholarship committee in advance of interviews on May 1-2. The expectation is that there will be 8 scholarships awarded for the 2018-19 academic year.

- IV. **New Business:** Beverly and Charlene shared that they are working on a spring campaign mailer with a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme.
- V. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Charlene’s home.

Respectively Submitted,

Dawn Vincent, MHMAA Secretary