



MOAPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SOT
MEETING 8/4/2021
AGENDA



CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mark Cottle, Kenna Higgins, Dallas Larsen (Kenna as proxy), Annalyn James, Terry Holzer, Officer James Lewsinski, Chad Leavitt, Marquessa Aikele, Korey Johnson, Camille Christensen, Hal Mortensen.
Quorum is present.

REVIEW/APPROVAL MINUTES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (3 min. ea.)

Kenna motioned to approve minutes from June. Minutes approved unanimously.

IV GENERAL MATTERS (HMortensen)

Officer Jimmy addressed the team with excitement for the year and offered help in any way possible.

A. STAFFING ISSUES (HMortensen)

1. New Hire Report (English, custodian, other?)

Kim Roden is applying for a teaching license as well as a sub license, which is faster. Desi Stastny will be the sub until that happens.

David Wallace has left MVHS for WA state. Darrell Larsen has been hired back, from surplus, to teach PE.

Lacey Tom will be the new Ag teacher, replacing Denise O'Toole (who will return Spring Semester to teach CSN Biology class- not jumpstart pricing though) Lisa Cornwall will teach Biology H with her prep buyout.

2. Career College Specialist Update

Transfer is coming from Cheyenne HS to fill the CC Specialist position. Teresa Kruse will be a CSM until the CC Specialist position is available again.

B. CCSD Community Call (Kenna R. Higgins)

With the group's approval, Kenna will submit the MVHS SOT Community Input letter to the "Focus on the Future for kids."

C. Security Update/School Enclosure (HMortensen)

Enclosing the campus is underway, awaiting bids before a decision is made. The north side fencing will be chainlink, and the east and west fencing will be wrought iron. No crashdoor is in place on the north side fencing as of now. Doors with crash bars need to be in place in order to keep remain compliant with fire exits. Currently, the fence blocks the 200 hall east exit, which is the only escape for the band room. That was a compromise for pricing in our budget. The fence will need to be left unlocked until the situation is resolved. Revisit this item next meeting.

For the record- Kenna isn't happy with the chainlink option (it looks ghetto) or that the fire exits are blocked. Side doors in the middle of the 300 and 400 hallways are fire exits for classrooms on the south side of the halls. This needs to be addressed.

D. OTHER (HMortensen;Team)

V NEW MASK MANDATES (HMortensen;THolzer;Team)

Letter finalized by Erin Francom (Middle School SOT) was sent to many people in community and state leadership. It was geared towards a mask exception for rural areas. CEAB also submitted a letter on behalf of Moapa Valley schools.

Response from Dr. Kingsley from SNHD was positive and reassuring. (Data will be reviewed every 2 weeks)

**We should have an answer, hopefully in our favor, by next week but might not be before Monday.

Discussion about the community meeting Saturday night at OLSHACS. Parents are concerned with masks and considered protesting schools to make a stand. The meeting was positive and the hope is parents will wait it out; as they were advised not to just unenroll students. Parents need to send letters!

Discussion as to possible quarantine procedures during the school year and if vaccinated students are exempt. Question asked if spectators are allowed at sporting events? Yes, for now.

A. SOT Letter

- Join other area schools??

(This agenda item was taken care of via email and text. Members voted for MVHS SOT to be included in that letter. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.)

B. Team Discussion

VI. RURAL SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM (HMortensen;LDalley;Team)

Hal has been in discussion with principals from the other MV schools. Admin Union Representative has taken up the issue of grounds, SLA funding, and surplus hardships for rural schools/administration. Moapa Valley High School is looking to be part of a “pilot” program (delineated as HUB schools between VV & MV) to address the grounds and surplus issues.

VII . FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT(3min ea.) ADJOURN

Discussion regarding the new grading policy and how parents can understand it and be involved. The report card will look the same, for now. (3 year transition to the number grading)

Kenna let the SOT Team know that the teachers were a little upset with the discussion in June’s meeting. While SOT has jurisdiction over hiring principals/admin, and also have input regarding general hiring decisions, many teachers felt that discussing specific teachers’ schedules was outside SOT purview (particularly after that teacher had discussed his/her schedule with Hal). SOT continues to have input regarding hiring staff, but not specific schedules. It is important for teachers to continue to trust the SOT.

Elections should be in September, awaiting Union directions.