



Moapa Valley High School SOT Meeting Minutes 10/4/23



Call to Order/ Roll Call

William Ragland, Mark Cottle, Bryan Linford, Hal Mortensen, Charlemange Serrano, Chad Leavitt, Dianna Walker, Wynette Bodily, Lisa Wolfley, Mandi Matheson, Terry Holzer, Lindsey Dalley and Teresa Kruse.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

Kenna Motioned to approve the minutes, Mark second. All approved.

Public Comment: (3 min each)

Lindsey- If I need to take a message with me to the State Board Meeting, move that up in the agenda so we can be prepared.

Kenna- Jara didn't attend the CEAB meeting. However, teachers want to know why meetings are held when 80% of the stakeholders are working and cannot attend. They would love to be involved but are unable to attend meetings and feel uninformed.

William- SOT/CEAB meetings are not available to the public because of their time and placement.

Dianna offered to get the information for meetings to Camille to distribute to the teachers and staff. Maybe parents as well.

Teacher concerns- drugs in the bathroom, weed in the quad, knives on kids. If nothing gets done, then what is the point? These issues need to be addressed soon. Dress code continues to be a concern as well.

William- Teachers and kids are tired of change and seem to want things to remain consistent if we can't have our original 8 period schedule.

Bryan- FFA kids are opting out of activities because they are falling behind in classes they miss for those away activities. Can we have a policy that lets those kids have time to catch up? Rather than have grades dropped when assignments are late. Will thinks if a student is missing excessive amounts of homework for trips and competitions, then that amount of time that a student has to complete work needs further discussion. They shouldn't be missing that much school for extra curriculars. Kenna suggests we hash out the options in a staff meeting with the other faculty. Hal suggested maybe a grade check to ensure this kids are getting good grades before they go on these trips.

Dianna- New date for Mental Health Fair - Oct 25, 2023 AM assembly at the

High School, Afternoon MS assembly and evening assembly at the FairGrounds for families.

New Leadership for action: Chair, Vice and Secretary

Lisa nominated Chad for Chair. Bryan second it, all approve Chad as the new Chair. Kenna nominates Lisa for Vice Chair. William seconds Lisa. All approved Lisa as the new Vice Chair.

Lisa nominated Teresa, Wynette second, all approved Teresa as new Secretary.

Norms for SOT meeting:

Chad discussed the basics of SOT for the new members and how we run; Agenda, Parliamentary, Voting, Quorum, Disagreement, etc.

Student Representative: (3 min)

Students only complain about the vending machine prices. He also stated students are uncomfortable in the bathroom with students vaping. Students don't want to go in when that is happening and often have to go back to class and try again later to use the restroom in peace.

Business:

A. Chronic Absenteeism (Mitch)

10 unexcused absences= student loses credit. Excused absences still count as chronic absenteeism but no credit will get lost. 26% of our students are already considered chronically absent.

B. Task force with CEAB on open period strategy

a. Bryan & Kenna

Lindsey & Terry were discussing NAC 387.125 and Lindsey came across #2; "If the Board of Trustees applies to the state they may get a waiver for rural schools to have an alternative schedule". Question is: How do we use this to get the district to give us open periods and a block schedule back?

Lindsey, Terry, Chad, Taci May are currently on the task force and Bryan & Kenna are willing to join.

Bryan is frustrated that Jara will be sick again on November 17th and unable to come. Jara will keep dragging this out until next year when it is too late. Bryan suggests we go right to the State to get results.

Chad motions to table the discussion and leave it to the task force, for the sake of time.

Teresa just wanted the SOT to know that there are many pros to the 6 period day and most teachers and students like the schedule. Discussion ensued; although it benefits the office staff and core teachers, it hurts CTE teachers and we may lose 4 teachers because of funding with our enrollment numbers. There are a

few other options that would work and would be better. We just need to be granted the freedom to have opens and then set up a schedule that works for us.

Lisa motions to add Bryan & Kenna to the task force. Wynette seconds, all approve to add Bryan and Kenna to the task force.

C. CEAB Meeting Nov 17 with Dr. Jara (Chad)

Per Chad, proceed as planned until it is canceled. Without a teacher contract, he will not meet with SOT, members are skeptical he will show up.

D. Small School Allocation (Terry & Mandie)

There is no history on the small school allocation. Terry & Mandie are using the census records to show the district is using 20 year old figures that do not accurately show the current situations for each rural school and it hurts us.

E. Hold Harmless (Mark & Lisa)

We did get the Hold Harmless funds the last few years. It was discussed to continue in the advocacy for Hold Harmless as it will return up to \$400,000 or equivalent of 4 teachers to our budget. This Hold Harmless is only affecting rural schools in CCSD and nowhere in AB469 is a Hold Harmless clause.

F. Alternative School schedule/ start time after 8am and its implications

The State Board of Education has mandated that all NV schools not start before 8am. This means MVHS might be forced to start school at 9 or 10 am. Note that it is not legislated by the legislators but by the State Board of Education. We do not have much more information but just be aware changes may be happening. There are 3 different proposals presented at the last CCSD school board. CCSD school board is fighting against this proposal as it is too costly in upward of \$149 million. Duane McMinn had submitted a bulleted list stating our athletes already leave early and will miss more instruction time if we start later.

G. Nevada Dept Board of Education Meeting and rural representation

Currently happening, Lindsey left to make comments there. Taci May and Wendy Mulcock are also there to make strong comments. We will get a report next month.

Informational Items:

- **Vacancies:**

1. **Two Custodians (Ransom Johnson & Whitney Wickersham)**
They will both start in the next couple weeks. Finally be fully staffed.
2. **Aide-Resource (started one week and quit)** the job is now flying
3. **Aide-Self Contained (will not finish application)** must be let

go due to lack of filling out the application and we are back to the drawing board.

4. **Lead Custodian-** per SOT, we have elected to hire a Lead custodian and the job is flying after October 29
5. **Teacher Resource** - we have the funding to add a 3rd teacher and 3 individuals are currently doing student teaching and would be eligible to apply in January.
6. **Aide-Electives** - Will be able to fly after Oct 29.

- **Baseball/ Softball/ Soccer New turf and desert landscaping project update**

Project will begin in January. Grass will be removed on the entire campus. Project will be completed in October 2024. Baseball will move to Lyon MS field and Softball will move to Moapa Parks and Rec until the new fields are complete.

- **Agenda Items for next SOT Meeting**
 - Upcoming Staff Meeting recap

Next Meeting - Wednesday, Nov 1st, 2023

Adjourn at 3:02pm