



## Moapa Valley High School SOT Meeting Minutes 2/7/24



### **Call to Order/ Roll Call**

Kenna Higgins, Bryan Linford, Hal Mortensen, Charlemange Serrano, Chad Leavitt, Mark Cottle, Teresa Kruse, Wynette Wolfley, Lisa Wolfley, Mandie Matheson

### **Review & Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Public Comment:** (3 min each)

#### **Student Representative:** (Charlie)

Special Olympics went great today.

Hope Squad dance was well attended.

Donna & Charlie want to know if they have approval to start the project. Hal has approved them to proceed.

Wynette Bodily was curious about the assembly. A brief overview was given by Camille.

### **Informational Items:**

#### **A. UNLV Rebel Start Academy (Hal)**

Student can receive 60 college credits while in HS, free of charge. We are one of 10 schools selected for this program. It has previously been used to get support staff licensed to teach special education and primary education. Now the door has been opened for juniors and seniors to get credits towards teaching. Next year other majors might be included.

This fall will be ENG 101, 102, Science 101 & 102, Geology 101 & 102, Math 122 & 123. UNLV has guaranteed those credits would transfer to any college.

Chad asked if there would be a cap on how many can apply for program. Hal confirmed there is no limit on how many can apply.

Class will be virtual. Apprenticeships will be distributed throughout the valley.

Hal is not sure that you can start as seniors, the program is designed for you to start as a junior. We have more information forthcoming.

Hal is working with CSN to get an HVAC program here and VVHS. They will take 101-102 this coming year and then labs the following year. Upon graduation they would have an HVAC certification. Max of 22 students for the program. Minimum is unknown.

### **B. Advanced Placement Program: English 10- AP Seminar Plot (Hal)**

We were also selected to be funded for an extra English teacher because we scored so high on AP Lang and Ap Lit, as well as the ACT. The AP Seminar will get them ready for the AP Lang & AP Lit just having a few more projects. It is a 3 credit class, which will take the place of the English 10 Honors.

### **C. College & Career Update: MVEF/ Scholarship Information**

Everything is going smoothly and moving along. However, Teresa is not happy about a scholarship held through MVEF that was given away after not being accepted by a student. She would have preferred that it go to another senior. The MVEF is talking to the donors and she feels she should be the one to talk to them since she helped hustle to get that money donated in the first place.

## **Business Items:**

### **A. POW: Possible Vote (Hal)**

Hal's boss is not giving much hope for this plan, with the recent changes in Superintendent. It may be a week or more until the dust settles so we don't know if we'll be approved or not. We are still pushing for it, but in the meantime, we will try for the 7 period waiver.

### **B. 7 Period Waiver: Possible Vote (Hal)**

A vote will need to be taken by staff without Hal present so they don't feel pressured to agree. This will add 28 classes to our schedule. But this would take almost 10 minutes away from current class time.

Kenna: as a CTE teacher, we take roll quickly and start a project but by the time we have got up and going, 30 minutes in, it is time to start cleaning up.

Bryan: One helpful thing is to assign one student as a foreman to take a clipboard around the class to each station and ensure kids

are cleaning up. If they don't clean properly the foreman will dock points.

### **C. NEARR: Possible Vote (Hal)**

It is 100% off the table for a satellite office with staff such as rural superintendent, etc. Some members are still hopeful but general hope has been lost for this to happen.

Kenna: Asking for clarification on the letter to NV Dept of Ed. She wanted to be sure she understood what our "ask" was. Her letter is ready and Chad suggested we just get it signed by Wendy for CEAB and send it off. He will sign for SOT.

Hal: Hold Harmless, Small School Allocation, NEARR, even possibly POW are all at dead ends.

7 Period waiver staff meeting will happen soon. We need 75% to agree in order to apply for the waiver.

Bryan- What do we lose if we stay with 6 periods?

We will lose 2 teachers/programs. For instance: choir, theater or business may be on the chopping block.

Discussion ensued on how to make the most out of the shortened CTE classes. Using the CTE aid, using teacher aides, etc to help with rushed set up and clean up.

Lisa motioned to approve a 7 period waiver, Wynette seconded, SOT has voted to approve WITH reservations.

Wynette: Will school times remain the same? Hal confirms that this coming year will stay the same but the state has mandated all HS's will trade bell time with Elementaries for the 25-26 school year.

**Next Meeting - March 6, 2024**

**Adjourn at 2:34pm**