



## Moapa Valley High School SOT Meeting 3/2/23



**Present:** Mark Cottle Lisa Wolfley Bryan Linford  
Kenna Higgins Hal Mortensen Marquessa Aikele  
Teresa Kruse Mitch Ozaki Savannah Aikele  
Will Ragland Sean Tyler Irene Hauver

### **Motion to Approve Minutes:**

- Mark Cottle made a motion to approve last month's minutes with a contingency that we include an addendum indicating the vote we took outside of the meeting via text about some wording of the letter we sent to CCSD.
- Kenna 2nd the Motion
- Motion passed unanimously

\* **Motion** (Friday, 3 Feb 2023): After text discussion, Kenna made a motion to remove information in the letter to CCSD regarding opens. Mandie Matheson 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

Irene Hauver wanted SOT to know about a service activity they are putting together on April 1. This will include anyone able to volunteer to help, but particularly high school and middle school aged kids.

She also wanted to voice her opinion about losing the Block Schedule for next year. She doesn't believe another schedule would be effective instruction for our students.

Will Ragland and Sean Tyler commented on losing the Block Schedule as well. They believe that switching from a block schedule will be a detriment to students particularly in the Fine Arts. The lack of class time amounts to fewer hours per week in music/arts instruction.

Bryan Linford also echoed that sentiment regarding the Ag Farm and Ag Mechanics (CTE classes) instruction.

### **Student Representative:**

Savannah Aikele indicated there wasn't much comment from students.

Hal asked what the students felt about some of the vandalism going on, particularly whether it is a "Tik Tok challenge." Savannah indicated she wasn't aware of any kinds of challenges.

There was some discussion about Aides and Campus Monitors going around to check bathrooms in order to subvert the perpetrators. Bryan asked if there was anything that could be done about the 500 hall bathrooms. They are much farther away from the rest of the building, and when students have to walk to the 300 hall to use the restroom, it takes away from class time. A possible suggestion was to have a particular “bathroom key” that students can take with them to unlock the bathroom door. This would necessitate installing automatic lock doors on the bathrooms so students cannot leave a bathroom door unlocked.

### **Teacher Comments:**

Mark indicated he received a comment from another staff member (Irene Hauver) questioning the use of the locker space, whether it could be made into a social gathering place for students in order to utilize that space better (since students don’t really use the lockers).

Hal responded that they have been talking about the locker space for quite some time. There are various ideas regarding what that space should be used for. It is a long-term project/plan.

### **Budget Reply:**

SOT had a chance to read over CCSD’s response to our Budget Objection. It looks like CCSD interprets the role of SOT very differently from what is stated in statute. Mark wrote a response to their response, and it will be moved up the food chain.

There was discussion about the letter and response, particularly regarding the cited statute.

**Motion:** Mandie Matheson made a motion to submit the response letter and move it up the food chain.

Mark Cottle 2nd the motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Open Periods/Scheduling:**

Hal received a directive regarding open periods. There will be no opens next year for sophomores and juniors. (Freshmen are already banned from taking opens.) The way CCSD interprets the NAC, Moapa Valley High School is out of compliance; however, when read by MVHS, including lawyers part of the Moapa Valley Community, MVHS is in compliance.

Hal repeatedly asked questions, but did not receive additional information. MVHS is not the only school affected. Other schools include: Green Valley, Rancho, and Virgin Valley. Green Valley and Rancho are big enough they can absorb the students and still keep the block. Virgin Valley is going to a 7 period-a-day schedule.

Options currently on the table include 6 periods-a-day, 7 periods-a-day, and keeping the 4x4 block. Without opens, MVHS needs to find seats for about 300 students. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of each option.

SOT encouraged Admin to discuss options with faculty/staff, especially regarding the 7 period-a-day schedule, as teachers and the CCEA Union Rep would need to sign a waiver.

**Next Meeting:** 4 April 2023