



Moapa Valley High School SOT Meeting 4/5/23



Call to Order/ Roll Call

Marquessa Aikele, Hal Mortensen, Chad Leavitt, Lisa Wolfley, Kenna Higgins, Bryan Linford, Mark Cottle, Terry Holzer, Savannah Aikele and Marquessa as proxy for Mandie Matheson.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

Bryan motioned to approve minutes, Mark seconded. All in favor to approve

Public Comment:

Hal:

- 1) We are getting another counselor funded by CCSD grant money that will be shared between us and VV for one year. Primary focus will be on finding and preparing students for the workforce.
- 2) Want to thank the "Just Serve" community (students and adults) for showing up Saturday to repaint all the columns out front. This saved the school a lot of money!
- 3) We will need a new SPED teacher starting in August. Suzanne Garlick will transfer at the end of the year to middle school.

Kenna: Regarding next year's schedule; The English teachers feel the AP Lang and Eng 101 are basically the same course. Seems redundant. It would be better to have options.

Chad: Question regarding a new cap on GPA at 4.95, is that new? Why? No one was certain as to the change.

What is the status of forming a rural school district? Kenna: We will know by next Friday if it is dead in the water or going forward.

Terry: Erika Whitmore suggested we consider the locker area be converted to a shady lunch area. Other suggestions have been considered. Hal thought Art could use a big area like that.

Mark: Donna does NOT want to move her art room to the proposed locker area renovation.

Student Representative: Savvy Aikele

Kids are not as upset about the schedule change, and seem to have gotten used to the idea of change. Per Bryan & Kenna, kids in their classes still talk about the change and aren't positive about it.

Business Items:

Marquessa: This morning a letter was received from Felicia Gonzalez; to inquire whether or not Jara or his office has responded to our letter sent last month. As of yet, we do not have a response. Stay tuned for more of an update.

Chad: There is a new fundraising method at MVHS to just text and ask for money. He doesn't like that students are just entitled and think they'll get money by asking. He observed that now every sport is using this method and getting over undaunted with multiple requests. He hopes to see a REASON why certain sports are fundraising.

New Schedule /Open Period:

Some glitches on senior registration day and unhappy parents and students. It was due to a Parentlink glitch and just an unfortunate situation but everyone is registered now.

We will be audited tomorrow on attendance. We are 1 of 4 schools being audited. The 4 schools selected have been criticized for their "open periods".

Student discipline, vandalism, behavior accountability:

Holly: Senior prank the other night, leaving boulders in the driveways and parking spots. A lot of students knew the cameras were down and it was a good opportunity to get away with a prank.

Dresscode is an ongoing issue. How can we improve? Hal explained how the district might be doing away with restorative justice and we might have more leeway on how we discipline students on minor issues like dress code. Until then, we have little we can do.

The cameras are being updated and many more added, so we will have no blind spots.

In-house is needed if we have the resources to offer it regularly. Holly & Jessica have a lot on their plate and cannot always go to sit in In-House detention. Mitch has told staff it is a possibility to offer "in house" but we need a staff specifically for that. Hal stated there isn't any extra money to put towards an income for additional staff. Another suggestion is to have a cubicle set up in a classroom and that teacher can have a student sit during the day for "in house".

Next Meeting—

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Adjourn 2:45pm