



Moapa Valley High School SOT Meeting Minutes 6/7/23



Call to Order/ Roll Call

Bryan is interim Chair for today's meeting.

Mark Cottle, Bryan Linford, Mandie Matheson, Teresa Kruse, Lisa Wolfley, Terry Holzer, Lindsey Dalley, Hal Mortensen are present.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

They had not been available to the SOT team prior to today's last minute meeting, so cannot be approved at this time.

Public Comment:

Kristy Washburn is new to the valley and approached Lisa to say that at graduation the sound was off and garbled. Her husband would be willing to help align the technology to fix the sound. Hal stated we had a guy from St. George that sets it up, but often people adjust things after he's been here to work on it and then it's distorted again. We could hire him to be on call for graduation.

Student Representative: Graduated; Not present.

Business Items:

Update for small school allocation: (Hal)

Lindsey Tomlinson recommends that Hal go through the HR director. Hal has heard her (Ms. Tolx) conversations at the principal meetings. She seems grounded and open minded. She has called teachers that left the district to see why they are leaving mid year and what the issues are. She'd like to see improvements. Hal has been impressed and hopeful she can help bring positive change.

Hal has met with her about the small school allocation, and she immediately wanted to know who our rural school advocate was. Hal didn't have a specific person to name. She wants to meet with Dr. Jara to see where the "small school allocation" came from and who started it. She'd like to see how we can make this more equitable. She did recognize how the allocation is not fair to small schools.

Lindsey met with Dr. Jara after graduation briefly to have a discussion about splitting off to become our own district. He tried to help him see that it would

benefit them as much as us. There wasn't time to discuss it but get the idea in his head of where we are at and why we want that so badly.

Response from Dr. Jara: (Hal)

Lindsey says that Dr. Jara claims we (SOT) can talk about the money they give us, but not about the money we think we should get. Lindsey thinks members of SOT need to be at the next CEAB meeting to have this discussion in front of people that Dr. Jara can't touch (ie; Elected representatives) and can legitimize the conversation.

Terry thinks Mandie should forward her email (sent to Jara) to CEAB as an FYI. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 25th. They may hold a special meeting if we can get Dr. Jara to come meet sooner. (June/July) They would like Wendy to add SOT to the agenda with the following to discuss: Hold Harmless, Attendance, Small School Allocation

Terry thinks we need to draft a letter and finalize it in coordination with the other letters. We need a final say to Dr. Jara's response.

Hal thinks we should plan to meet at least a week prior to the CEAB meeting to have a game plan with how to approach the topics with Jara.

Lisa motions to reply to Jara's letter, Mark 2nds it. All approve.

Lisa motions for Mandie to forward Jara's letter to CEAB and request to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mark 2nds it, and all approve.

In the TBD meeting; Mark should address the hold harmless issues we face, Mandie should address the small school allocation which is inequitable, Lisa will discuss the attendance problems with lack of open periods and Bryan will address in full all issues that MVHS face.

Next Meeting - will be determined based on CEAB's meeting date.

Adjourn - 2:30pm