



# Moapa Valley High School SOT Meeting Minutes 8/16/23



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

Bryan Linford, Mark Cottle, Terese Kruse, Mandie Matheson, Lindsey Dalley, Lisa Wolfley, Chad Leavitt, Hal Mortensen, Kenna Higgins

Chad had to leave early and Mandie was nominated to run as Interim chair; when she left early Teresa ran the remainder of the meeting.

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

Mark motioned to approve May minutes, Lisa second.

Mandie motioned to approve June minutes, Mark second; All in favor of approving both May and June minutes.

## **Public Comment:**

Mandie has concerns that athletes do not have somewhere to leave gear during the day or change after school. Finding classrooms to leave their gear isn't fair. Can the locker rooms please be used?! Hal has concerns with the delinquent kids hiding out there. But they will look into Holly or Jess unlocking and locking up for kids.

Chad went to Henderson City council board meeting; assistant super gave a report, and Chad thought the accountability was good.

CEAB meeting last week; Chad was given an assignment to write a letter to State superintendent Jhone Ebert, regarding the open periods, small school allocation and Hold Harmless in the school budget. He included SOT on the letter but without permission. He asked the team to review the letter and approve before it is sent.

## **Student Representative:**

Update on election: Hal suggested the student body president (as it has been in the past), the team agreed on that decision. He will speak with Charlie Serrano.

Mandie moves that the student rep be the student body president, Teresa seconds. All approve.

## **Informational Items:**

- **Teacher Rep (Cottle)**

The only concerns received are 1) Banker is at the forefront of the school, which seems like a safety concern. The one with the money should not be the first person met. Officer Jimmy should be closer to the front entrance,

rather than at the end of a hall.

2) Important messages should be sent through email not through spaces or chat. Because of the friendly conversations and birthday wishes, many teachers have muted this space and therefore miss important messages when they do come.

Kenna: Teacher survey went out regarding the new 6 period schedule. Although the majority said it was too soon to have an opinion, some teachers really like the 6 period day. It benefits the core teachers more than the CTE. They were disappointed that they were forced to make changes at the last minute and lost a longer prep. Some teachers may want to stay on this schedule in future years. The students are complaining more about losing electives rather than losing an open period.

Hal: Parents and CEAB will want to get at least 7 periods to be able to offer more electives. Our master schedule has dropped 26 classes and that has hurt the amount of electives we offer.

- **New Security Measures (Hal)**

The rear gates are complete and there is now a crash bar to get out in the event of an emergency. The rear lot needs to stay locked to keep all community traffic out. More eyes need to be watching in the school as bathrooms have been vandalized already in the second week.

- **SOT Elections End of September**

Without negotiations, the Union may not do an election. Kenna will check into it. We nominate the parent member here in SOT.

- **New turf and desert landscaping (Hal)**

Softball, baseball and soccer practice fields will get turf that will be cooler and softer than the football field. All other landscaping on the property will be replaced with riprap; desert landscaping. The soccer field will be fenced in and the shot/discus will be moved behind the softball field. The Softball field will also have a permanent fence and not a temp. We will get 100 trees added around the campus. The shipping containers will be laid on cement pads. Complete project should be finished by April 2024.

- **Data Review 22/23 (Hal)**

**Science CRT Data-** 34% with a goal to increase to 39% in 2024

**4 Year Graduation-**99.2% graduation, with a goal to maintain 97% <

**CCR, Advanced, Honors Diploma-** 65% with a goal to maintain in 2024

**Chronic Absenteeism-** 40% with a goal to decrease to 35% this year

**CTE results** show who took the optional test and passed. It is not required. Many students do not take it seriously because they know it does not

count towards their grade. Teresa suggested a pep talk to students before the test and changing the testing environment to improve their focus and willingness to give it more effort.

**WIDA-** only 11 students need to take it here. Zero passed the test

**ACT-** We can have 20 kids absent and still be ok. We have gone up slightly in Math but 2% increase in ELA

**AP results-** 43 students passed out of 89 who tested

### **Business Items:**

- **6-period schedule: Hal**

Discuss previously. See above.

- **Small school allocation**

This is an equity issue. Losing a teacher because we have more students is not fair. When the issue has been placed in question, SOT was told it is not their preview and they have no right to discuss the budget. There is not an explanation for the formula.

Hal expressed frustration to his boss and because of her recommendation, Hal was able to meet with HR Director Tolx this summer who agreed that small school allocation does NOT make sense. She is going to investigate this more. More yet to come.

- **Hold Harmless**

It doesn't make sense. We will continue talking about writing a letter.

**Next Meeting** - Wednesday, Sept 6th, 2023

**Adjourn** - 3:10pm