



Moapa Valley High School SOT Meeting Minutes 9/6/23



Call to Order/ Roll Call

Teresa Kruse, Mark Cottle, Bryan Linford, Hal Mortensen, Charlemange Serrano, Chad Leavitt, Dianna Walker, Chad Leavitt as proxy for Lisa, Mandi Matheson, Terry Holzer, Lindsey Dalley.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

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

Public Comment: (3 min each)

Hal: CCSD survey for last year's grad class with post school plans. Only 88 of the approx 150 member class participated. 60% plan on college, %3 Military, 10% Trade School, %15 none of the above. Some of our students plan on a mission first so students may have indirectly written none of the above. Survey doesn't fully meet our circumstances in Moapa Valley.

Teresa: Some of the front gates don't fully latch. The spring may be worn out.

Kenna: The gates between 200/300 hall and 300/400 hall are often left open. This is a security risk. Teresa said it may be construction workers leaving the gates open when they leave.

Chad: Youth are frustrated that they have to circle to the front of the school when they park in the back. Staff verified that all entrances are locked during the day for safety reasons. If you come late, you will have to walk around.

Student Representative: (3 min)

Charlemagne Serrano- concerned with a student who passed out from a medical issue and other students could not get into the school to get the AED quickly. It would be nice to have an AED better located where students can access it.

Other sports do not have access to water near their courts or sport fields. They have to travel clear to the football field. Per Hal, there will be a new connection coming when the landscaping projects and baseball field projects are complete.

Informational Items:

- **Teacher Rep (Cottle)**

Only concern for teachers - uncomfortable with the scantily dressed girls. Boobs showing, butts out, belly showing.

Teresa suggested uniforms, but Hal said that is "an act of congress" to make happen and parents likely won't support it.

Chad suggests Hal meet with admin and find out how we can address this more.

- **Update on School Performance Data (5 min)**

The link shared last month was not correct for the CCSD survey. The new link was just shared this afternoon.

- **New NSPF Star Ranking (5 min)**

Star ranking will come out on the 15th of September. Results look positive.

The ACT test will be going away next year. Not an efficient way to test kids, especially those who do not plan on college. District is looking to have a standard type test similar to the SBAC type of test in lieu of the ACT.

Business Items:

- **Dr. Jara's upcoming visit to the CEAB meeting on 9/29 (20 min)**

IF the teachers contract is complete, we should expect to see him on Sept. 29, but if there is no contract in place, Hal does not think he will follow through.

On the 15th at 9:30am there will be a special CEAB work meeting to prepare for the meeting on the 29th. They would like the SOT present, but the time is a conflict for teachers. Possibly look at moving the meeting to 1:30 after school is out.

Hal has a slideshow ready for Chad to share. It addresses the Small school allocation, Hold Harmless, and Open periods/ CTE.

Terry: If Jara shows up this is our one chance to have his attention. We need to speak his language and tie in his "Focus 2024" goals. We need to show that we, the SOT, want to work with him and by meeting our needs will better help us to help him.

Discussion ensued regarding the issues with lack of classes for students and lack of teachers to offer the block schedule. We need to have either 7 classes back or go back to the block and offer 8 classes. They are arguing to have the opens reinstated and discuss the benefits. Opens are more important

than the block at this point.

We got a response from Jhone M. Ebert, which states if we can prove that we have evidence that AB388G is not being followed, then theNDE can review to determine if NDE has the authority to investigate concerns of Hold Harmless, Small School Allocation, and Open Periods related to MVHS.

Lindsey talked to an attorney who counseled him. Moapa Valley doesn't understand; you have to follow the law so that CCSD cannot come back and argue that you do not follow the law. The NDE cannot help us if we get hung up on not abiding by the state laws.

- **Approval for updated (fall) Strategic Budget as result of student count (15 min)**

School Performance Goals: Increase the number of students graduating, increase students taking AP, Dual Enrollment and CTE courses, Increase the proficiency on ACT, WIDA and Science CRT, and Reduce Chronic Absenteeism.

Budget to fund the follow three items:

- 1) \$40k to hire a lead custodian for the night crew. This would be one bump in pay if a current custodian gets the job, same 8 hours and 12 month position. If the in-house custodian promotes to a lead custodian, another custodian would be hired to replace whomever is promoted.
- 2) \$40k for an aide to help in Ceramics, Culinary, Tshirt, Construction, Ag, etc.
- 3) \$22k to pay for the JAG teacher now the state has reduced the funding.

We lost the funding for one teacher with the Small School Allocation because we had one too many students. We have 592 students. To receive a teacher position, we had to be under 591 students. The cost for one student is around \$105,000. Funds from the spring budget was set aside to cover this loss.

Mark: If we do not go back to 7 or 8 period school day for the next school year, we might need to hire core teachers instead of elective teachers.

Department & Athletic funds are back to normal.

Funding for prep buyouts for Cottle, Thompson, Fulmer, Weiss, as well as the teachers for the Star-On program for students on long-term suspension: Roden, Hickman, Solomon, Cooper/Lewis, and Weiss/Jones.

The district is paying for the following three positions: Jared Bushman's career counseling position, Mandi Leavitt's business teaching position, and half of the band teaching position and half of the orchestra teaching position.

If there are funds leftover, Hal has various projects to complete.

Mark motions that we approve the 3 budget items and to reject the plan of operations. Bryan seconded the motion. Mandie seconded, All approved.

- **Parent nomination for upcoming SOT elections on Sept 15**

There should be a Parentlink email sent to all parents and it should be listed on the school website that parents can nominate a parent to hold a seat on the SOT before the elections. It must be open to all parents. We want a team player and someone who is interested in truly helping our school.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, Oct 4th, 2023

Adjourn 3:30 pm