



**School Organizational Team Minutes**  
**MVHS Crow's Nest**  
**3/4/20 – 1:10 pm**



SOT members in attendance: Marquessa Aikele, Louise Culler, Lindsey Dalley, Kimberly Hardy, Terry Holzer, Aimee Houghtalen, Chad Leavitt, Hal Mortensen, Gary Watkins, Aubrey Aikele

Absent :Geniel Ozaki

Visitors: Don Whipple, Dennis Leffler

- I. Call to Order by Chairman- Terry
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes- Motion made by Chad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aimee- all in favor

- III. Public Comment (3 minutes)- Mountain Bike Club-Nevada Interscholastic Cycling League (NICL) representative, Dennis Leffler and Don Whipple introduced the program. The program would be referred to as a group, not a club. It is open to all students ages 10-19. All participants are responsible for transportation to and from events. Practices would be held at various locations here in the valley. Each participant needs a bike, preferably a mountain bike, to have the best experience. There are affordable rentals available. There are 18 active teams in the Las Vegas valley. The idea is to get more students out being active and involved. The NICL provides their own insurance.

A motion was made to approve the Mountain Bike League as a non-school based group- 1st Chad, 2nd Kim, all in favor.

- IV. School safety update-

A. There has been no response to the letters and emails sent to Dr. Jara, Dr. Gullett, Dr. Bernier and Grant Hanevold concerning Fight Back Nation.

B. Security Fencing for MVHS has been denied. The district is only willing to re-key door locks on the exterior doors. CCSD is stating that projects regarding fencing need to be site funded only. No letter of explanation has been received at the school level. Hal will look into it. The SOT members motioned to write a letter of dispute regarding the denial of security fencing and the impact that could have on student safety. 1st- Kim, 2nd- Chad- all in favor.

- V. Principal Report-

A, Budget - In the most recent legislative committee meeting, Hal, Lindsey, Maurice Perkins from Hughes MS in Mesquite and Ken Paul spoke at the meeting

regarding the concerns we have as a rural school. It was mentioned that a funding formula for rural schools is needed. A Commission on School Funding member, Punam Mather was present and stated that she had not been made aware of funding discrepancies until this meeting took place. She suggested that we keep shedding light on the topic, by raising awareness, attending all legislative meetings and being in the forefront. Dr. Jara did mention our plight and advocated that this funding issue for rural schools should be addressed. Lindsey spoke informally with Jason Goudie regarding “dividing the (budget) pie” among all districts across Nevada.

There is a CEAB meeting on March 20th as well as another Legislative Committee Meeting in Mesquite on March 27th.

B. Copies of the 2019-2020 Budgetary Information were reviewed, ensuing to more discussion about the categories listed, such as carryover varying greatly from school to school. There is a need to illustrate the equity disparity evidenced in the budget.

## VI. General Business -

A, CCSD held a board meeting on February 6th at the reservation’s community center in Moapa. There was a good turnout. President Lola Brooks and Board Member Danelle Ford seemed attentive to our small, rural school concerns.

B. The Love at Home Drive concluded with over \$800 in gift cards and a multitude of food, hygiene and clothing items. Each school benefited from the drive. The response was amazing.

C. Pirate Pathways (Registration Overview) took place on March 2nd at OLSHACS. Each department was represented and the turnout was more than expected. It was estimated that about 350 people came out to ask questions and talk with teachers, advisors, coaches and counselors. The majority of attendees were incoming freshmen and their families. It was well received and many parents commented that they really enjoyed it. Food was also served.

Teachers have asked if this could take the place of the back to school night (or day). The staff will discuss this at an upcoming meeting. Other concerns addressed parking at OLSHACS- possibly moving the event to the HS in the future.

D. The motion was made and approved to name the Administrative offices to honor Dr. Moses. The process will be lengthy, but will be presented to the CCSD naming committee to get things started.

## VII. Parent /Teacher Concerns

A. Full time Math position update. 2 candidates interviewed- Mr. Riley Solomon was hired.

#### VIII. Student Body Representative- Aubrey Aikele

A. Student Council would like to hand out “tickets” for good deeds and or acts of kindness. Each week, names will be drawn out and some kind of award or prize will be given. The name was initially presented as The Pirate Bootie Reward. A request to change the word from Bootie to a different word. The Student Council will decide on a different word other than Bootie. A motion was made by Kim , Gary seconded and all were in favor of this program but would like to have some other names to choose from.

B. Seating at Football and Basketball games was mentioned. There needs to be assigned seats for the student body, dance, cheer and band. Hal will hold a meeting with all interested parties and get a plan in place prior to the upcoming 20-21 school year.

#### IX. General SOT Discussion/Questions

#### X. Public Comment (3 minutes)

#### XI. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm – Motion made by Chad, Gary seconded
- Next meeting planned for Wednesday, April 1st at 1:05