

Minutes February 5, 2008 6:30-8 minutes by Megan D.

Meeting was open to additional teachers, parents and community members

1. Agenda review by Carmela
2. Minutes review by Megan
3. Minutes from last meeting reflect time that was spent in individual committees (see previous minutes between three and four)
4. Minutes accepted
5. Council documentation email feedback
 - a. FAQs on one page – adjust font size accordingly
 - b. 2 open positions for teachers – Mr. Zahm, Mr. Fagan, Mrs. Bessinger, Mr. Leys
 - c. Teachers never voted for current teacher council representatives; perhaps reevaluate process; this may penalize teachers who came forward initially; there was no initial vote because only two teachers came forward
 - d. Mr. Zahm, Mr. Fagan contribute that they were not informed of the Council meeting or existing
 - e. Mrs. Deblois can move under administrators group and eliminate need for vote
 - f. Mrs. Rearick expressed that if the teachers feel there is someone better suited for her seat in the Council she will give up her seat for that teacher
 - g. Maybe vote for remaining positions – however Council must consider timeline
 - h. Proposed possibility of term limits
 - i. Emily says additional teachers can join after current committees are through
 - j. Christina says teachers should be involved now as they will be affected as now
 - k. Sue Daughan moves motion to enact a teacher election (email nominations) for teachers with results presented by February 22nd
 - l. Motion passed
 - m. Mr. McDevitt and Mr. Savastano will facilitate election
6. Parking lot item: need for By-laws Committee
7. Parking lot item: all information put on district website
8. Committees met; all need to identify a chair
9. Rolling out Site Council
 - a. Fill vacant faculty seats – four out of five present teachers are parents/community members as well; may solve problem
 - b. Email current documentations to faculty and staff at high school and site council members; copied to superintendent
10. Task items
 - a. Mail out to parents with newsletter at end of February (to all high school parents) – add a Council update for all stakeholders
 - b. Add information to district and MHS website
 - c. Distribute information to upcoming parent workshops

- d. Post open meetings in newspaper (upcoming community meetings) and eventual press release

11. Tasks and timelines for subcommittee decisions

- a. Present to teachers, students, parents and community
- b. Mr. Ruscito will retrieve information about students in the first three quarters and how our proposed changes would have affected fourth quarter athletics
- c. Several members and non-members suggested that grading and homework policies should not be implemented into fourth quarter because of possible negative repercussions
- d. Subcommittee submit recommendations on March 4th
- e. True pilot for fourth quarter with teacher volunteers to drive data for implementation for fall – i.e. teachers will make a mock grade report using new changes, however teachers will still stay true to original grading system
- f. Goal: 4th quarter pilot implementation – April 4th (first day of quarter 4)

12. Motion passed for meeting to extend for as long as necessary – Feb 28th