MHS Community Council Meeting Minutes | February 23, 2021

Attending: Cheyla Mills, Diana Windley, Gwen Romero, Jeremy Floyd, Cyndi Flitton, Andrea Brooks, Jennifer Lance, Jim Ellis, Brennen Fuller, Crae Wilson, Raelene Blocker

Excused: Shalece Sanders

(Meeting held via Zoom.)

Meeting called to order at 6:36 a.m. by Chair Jennifer Lance.

Consent Items: Minutes for February 2, 2021 meeting. Motion approved by Diana Windley with a 2nd from Raelene Blocker. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

COVID-19 Update

Principal Wilson provided an update school issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic including the attendance/tardy policy, spring sports, prom, senior cotillion, and graduation.

Trust Lands Funds / TSSA Grant Updates

Jeremy Floyd presented results from teacher survey and requests for use of remaining Trust Land funds for the 2020-21 school year. All teacher requests were for technical equipment. Principal Wilson proposed the original dollars allotted from TSSA funds for an IT Tech (never hired) be reallocated to purchase requested tech from teachers. Motion to approve by Crae Wilson with a second from Gwen Romero. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on remaining funds allocated to Trust Lands Funds Goal #6 be allocated to compensate teachers for training/development with staff on new and existing tech. Motion to approve by Crae Wilson with a second from Andrea Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on continuation of student-issued Chromebooks beyond 2020-21 school year. An additional 30-40 Chromebooks will be needed for students in upcoming freshmen class. Possibility of need for future Trust Lands funds to purchase additional Chromebooks as well as replace old/broken Chromebooks.

Semester vs Trimester Discussion

Discussion on which schedule format provides better options for intervention. With current COVID-19 situation and tech, moving to semesters for the 2021-22 school year would be “too much”. Looking at comprehensive approaches to intervention such as creating “extra time” in schedules and stricter attendance policies. Concerns voiced about students not receiving full years of core subjects such as English/Language Arts and Science with current trimester schedule. Other concerns voices about impact to electives and online release classes. Andrea Brooks recommended another evaluation next year.
**You Science Program**

Principal Wilson gave a brief overview of the You Science program. The program is used to assist students in discovering career paths based on their aptitudes and interests.

**Other**

Diana Windley announced that she has been asked to serve on the State Trust Lands Advisory Council as the parent representative for rural schools. Her first meeting is March 15, 2021.

Motion to adjourn by Andrea Brooks with a 2nd from Cheyla Mills. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 6:30 a.m.