

## **MHS Community Council Meeting Minutes | May 18, 2021**

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

**Excused:** Jim Ellis, Shalece Sanders, Cyndi Flitton **Visitors:** Nancy McMillan

*(Meeting held in person and via Zoom.)*

Meeting called to order at 6:34 a.m. by Chair Jennifer Lance.

**Consent Items:** Minutes for April, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by Raelene Blocker with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Cheyla Mills. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### ***Safety Policy Review***

Principal Wilson reviewed the Safe Schools Policy in the MHS 2020-21 Student Handbook with the Council members and answered questions. Safe-routes-to-school and digital safety policies are reviewed and managed at a District level. Members of the Community Council attend and participate in the Transportation and District Policy Committees at the District Level. Gwen Romero proposed that the Council review the Safety Policy and Online Learning Policy in the first meeting for the 2021-22 school year.

#### ***Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and High Honors Review***

Gwen Romero reviewed the selection process for valedictorian and salutatorian as outlined in the MHS 2020-21 Student Handbook, and proposed the Council formalize the “High Honors” program that has been in a pilot-testing phase for three years. Motion to approve by Jennifer Lance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Raelene Blocker. Motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Request to Continue Recording Classroom Instruction and Posting Online in 2021-22***

Nancy McMillan shared the success she has witnessed with students accessing recorded lectures online throughout the year – a new process that was implemented in 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cheyla Mills and Jeremy Floyd shared similar success stories. Nancy suggested that the District pay a stipend to teachers who record their lectures and post them online for student access. She suggested the initial funding for the stipend could come from COVID Relief dollars that the District has received. Nancy agreed to approach the District Business Manager about the possibility of allocating funds for the stipend.

Other resources needed for a successful program include adequate technology for teachers along with tech support and tech coaching.

Note: MHS recently hired an IT Specialist and an Instructional Coach to support teachers with technology.

The Council agreed to continue discussion on the matter at the beginning of the school year.

***Other Items***

- Students will return Chrome Books during last week of school. Last day for seniors is May 21 and last day for all other students is May 27. Students will be reissued Chrome Books in the fall.
- First day 2021-22 school year will be August 25.
- MHS CC elections will be held in the fall at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Mid-to-late August 2021 (exact date TBD)