

Monte Vista High School Academic Boosters General Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2017

A meeting of the Academic Boosters was called to order by Chairperson **Nina Fishman** at 7:00pm in the Library of the Workday Student Center.

President

Nina Fishman welcomed us. We work with administration to provide funds to: purchase extra class sections, support counseling, honor roll recognition, and classes and testing. This year we provided 18 class sections for the current school year. 540 students have been displaced and in to smaller classrooms. Our funding directly impacts our children.

We do Honor Roll recognition, not provided by the District. Kids working so hard for grades, need to be recognized.

Test Prep classes discounts (about \$40 a class) provided by ABoosters. Study sessions, PSAT SAT and Combo classes to prepare them for tests their Junior and Senior years. Try to offer at a reduced rate.

We are looking for two positions:

Website Upkeep: Before school starts, update website, and post all minutes to our website after meetings.

Financial Secy: depositing checks at B of A once a month, and then input to spreadsheet.

We have a new website: academicboosters@srvusd.net

Secretary:

Janet Nunan asked for a motion to approve the November minutes, **Moved** by Victoria Criswell , **2nd** Nina Fishman , **Motion Carried**. Sign up clipboard was passed, encouraged parents to put their email address and volunteer hours.

Janet will ask Jodi to post the meeting minutes on the main school website

Treasurer:

Nina Fishman summarized Statement of Activity (attached)- on the Website

Fall Donations were really good- 150K budgeted, we brought in 165K. The Registration on one day, and having CC machine at the booth that day really helped.

We had a parent donate stock and now have a Brokerage account in order to donate stock.

Matching Funds this month came in at \$7000!

Nina asks that we make sure to check if our companies do Matching Programs

Ways and Means:

Joy Lessman and Victoria Criswell- Joy Lessman reports

Ways and Means is the Fundraising arm of AB.

First, in the Fall, is Membership Drive. Second, in Spring, is mail campaign. Funds collected this year are for coming school year, budgeting for 18 new class sections, mainly in Core classes.

Thank you for all of your support, making our budget is what is crucial to keep MVHS at the level it is, re: academics.

Honor Roll is for students with a GPA of 3.5 weighted and above. Students get Recognition Awards, given to students some days during Spring, on campus. About half of the students get recognized. Parents will be emailed an Honor Roll certificate- kids have not picked them up in the past. If any parent wants to work that please let Joy Lessman know.

The first semester that Freshmen are eligible for Honor Roll is their Spring semester.

Lamp of Learning Patch may be changed to a Cord or a Sash. Earned by 6 or more semesters of Honor Roll. Maximum amount of semesters is 7.

The Spring Campaign is a mailed one and will need volunteers to stuff the envelopes- dates to come.

Also Honor Roll will be a table set up at school where we hand out the certificates to the students and can use parent volunteers as well.

There is a new addition to the Seniors graduating- an Honor Cord, red with tassels, to be worn over the robe on graduation day. It really demarcates the Honor Roll students, replacing the pin that traditionally has been given out and worn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Main Program -Dave Solomon, Head Counselor Scheduling Classes, Course Offerings

January 24th is an electives fair on campus for the students
Feb 13 and 15, Incoming Parent Freshman Night (8th Grade Parents)
Feb 21st AP Information Night 5:30 pm
Feb 27- March 1st- Course Selection Forms to Students
March 1 - March 8 - Online Portal to make Course Selections

New Course Offerings: (if courses fills up)

Gilchrist - **Advanced Forensics** (not weighted), will count as “D” Lab Science

Johnson -**Geospatial Engineering** - 10th - 12th (Geomapping) Connected with the PET Program. Articulated through DVC so could get college credits. Also is A-G approved.

Kent - **Academic Leadership** - mentoring and tutoring other students. Instruction on how to be a good tutor, and will do tutoring during the school day.

Bowling - **AP Psychology** - 11/12th - Elective

Brooks - **AP Seminar** - Part One, for a year, then AP Research Class is Part Two 11/12th. Will start as Humanities. This is a response to International Bacchalaureate Programs. Has a STEM Component if there is enough interest.

Question- how can there be an AP Exam for the Seminar Class- Answer: is a Portfolio Approach of submitting a body of work.

Passed out the sheet of **Requirements for Graduation** and went over unit requirements for graduation.

Students should register with the NCAA in their Junior year if they intend to **play a sport in College**.

In February **Counselors will meet with all Sophomores and Juniors** to plan their graduation course. Students will be tracked down for an appointment.

SAT Subject Tests can be taken after the year that the student takes the course even if they do not know their intended college major. Tests are not required by all colleges but it does not hurt to take them just in case the college your student chooses does indeed require it. Offered through The College Board, online registration.

SAT Boot Camps are recommended for the weekend before the day they take the SAT Test.

Sign up for Classes and Testing on the Academic Boosters website. academicboosters@srvusd.net.

Summer Classes that are accepted at Monte Vista are on our website under Counseling.

PE Requirement: after freshman year they can take a second year of PE, or if play a sport for MVHS they get 5 credits per season in sophomore to senior years. Grade counts in GPA grade under Cumulative but not as an A-G requirement for colleges.

There is a **Timecard** to have signed by the Athletic Director by the Student to get the credit for the sport counting for the PE Units. Timecard is acquired at the Bookkeeper's office.

AP placement tests are going to still be used but will not be the sole way to be admitted into an AP class. Counselors want a balance but also want students to be challenged and may advise an AP class for a student who they think will do well with it, even if they did not take, or did not pass the placement test.

College Connect: Juniors can do a Pilot Program take 4 classes at high school and 2 classes at DVS San Ramon. 15 spots for next year. English and Psychology. Getting High School and College credit.

Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Future General Meetings:

March 8, 10am, Rm 118
May 10, 10am, Rm 118