

Monte Vista High School Academic Boosters General Meeting Minutes for March 08, 2017

A meeting of the Academic Boosters was called to order by Chairperson **Nina Fishman** at 10:00am in Room 118 of the Workday Student Center.

President

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

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.

This year we are eligible for a Technology grant through the district Ed Fund and the District. If we can raise \$15,000, in addition to our established budget, through our Spring campaign, we can get it matched by these two entities; adding on matching from the school technology fund, can quadruple our money for a combined amount of \$60,000 toward Technology.

Question was asked about who oversees the Technology fund. Principal Ahern answered that oversight is by the School Site Council.

We have a new email address: academicboosters@srvusd.net
Website stays the same at mvacademicboosters.org

Secretary:

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

Jodi has posted the meeting minutes on the main school website as well, with a link to our website.

Treasurer:

Tamara Munger summarized Statement of Activity (attached)- on the Website

Fall Donations were really good- 150K budgeted, we brought in 170K. We had a parent donate stock and now have a Brokerage account in order to donate stock.

Matching Funds this month came in well.

Make sure to check if your employer does Matching Programs

Please donate in the Spring and keep in mind the \$15,000 matching grant with your giving this particular year.

Classes and Testing income is over budget which is great.

We pay 3.5% on credit card donations, checks are preferable.

Corporate Matching- Beverly Briar

If your company might do matching, or you are sure they do matching, we will do all of the work for getting your donation matched. Note your information on the Spring Campaign flyer being mailed to you, or contact our email address, listed above.

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.

Spring Campaign is coming out- a mailer is going out this month. This donation will impact the coming school year, able to plan the sections from knowing our donations before Fall.

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. Sign up to work that table is being passed today. About half of the students get recognized.

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.

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 small pin that traditionally has been given out and worn on graduation robe.

Cathy Haberl, The College Advisor in the Counseling Dept., Featured Speaker

Handed out a College Planning Guide.
Multiple perfect colleges for students, no panic!

Helpful Tips gone over: Learn College entrance requirements, study effectively, get tutoring support, volunteer at jobs you might like in summer, read literature outside of school work as much as possible, and when traveling visit colleges.

UC Require 2 subject tests for engineering, one math/one science- so when student take an honors or AP of math or science, have them take SAT Subject Test for that by signing up on www.collegeboard.com

Take SAT Subject Tests after any AP/Honors class

Colleges accept both the ACT and the SAT now. ACT has Science reasoning section. Very similarly aligned other than that.

Super Score: not done with ACT, only SAT- students allowed to submit multiple SAT scores and colleges will choose highest scores from each section, downside is you submit all tests and they are the ones to choose. Otherwise you can choose which test you send- test does not automatically go to the college.

Freshmen:

Grades do matter in order to have choices in weighted classes the next year.

Meet counselor to make 4 year plan.

Keep Naviance updated.

Stay calm, don't talk about colleges yet, put no pressure on them.

Sophomores:

The Pre-PSAT is offered in October as a practice. Only take if Sophomore is really desiring to take it. Through Algebra 2 and up to some Trig.

April has preliminary ACT exam, normed for a Sophomore. Only Soph can buy the ticket.

April also has College Connection Fair at St. Mary's college.

Do Khan Academy Prep for taking the SAT/ACT Tests

Update Naviance resume

Juniors:

Create Collegeboard Account

Take PSAT to qualify for National Merit in OCTOBER

Update Naviance resume with colleges desired- will get to visit them when they come to our campus.

Attend the College night for district in the Fall

Take Boosters sponsored practice SAT/ACT tests in FALL

SAT or ACT is taken in SPRING, then test again in Fall of Senior Year

Take off SPAM filters from emails not to miss college communications, maybe think about separate email address only for college stuff

CAASPP Test counts for Juniors- MARCH

Look at college personal statement essays subjects to start thinking about.

Recommendation Letter process starts- non California schools and non out-of-state Public. CSUs and UCs do not use letters. Choose Academic subject teacher.

Visit college campuses especially if you are in the area

Seniors:

Fall- SAT or ACT Test taken

Start getting Recommendation letters

CSU October, UC is November, taking applications. Application deadlines for both the CSUs and UCs is Nov 30th

FAFSA gov scholarships process. All families should submit this document- merit money, zero interest loans, etc.

CSS Profile- only 200 schools take it

February - housing applications
March - Community College applications
Sign up AP Tests
May 1st - intent to Register forms due
June - final transcript to college attending

Meeting adjourned at 11:30