

## **Marathon High School**

# School Advisory Council (SAC)

Thursday, August 22, 2024 @ 6:01-7:52pm in the Media Center Minutes

SAC Voting Members: Martine Abraham, Maria Banks, Diane Culver, Brenda Hill, Cami Holdinga, Alicia Hrytzay, Malinda Lebo, Christina McIntyre, Leo Mendez, Kym Momaly, Christine Paul, Kris Taylor, Lara Wheeler, Kelly Williams

Attendance: Martine Abraham, Maria Banks, Diane Culver, Brenda Hill, Cami Holdinga, Alicia Hrytzay, Malinda Lebo, Christina McIntyre, Marisol Diaz, Kym Momaly, Christine Paul, Kris Taylor, Kelly Williams, Sam Williams, Maria Banks, Alism Clark, Maria Gonzalez, Rebecca Keenum

- 1. Kym Momaly called the meeting to order at 6:01
- 2. Pledge lead by Marisol Diaz.
- 3. Adopt agenda for August Did not meet quorum.
- 4. Motion to excuse May's absences Did not meet quorum.
- 5. Approval of May's minutes- Did not meet quorum.
- 6. SGA Vice President Marisol Diaz gave a student leadership update. The first pep rally and home football game is Friday, August 23. The theme is Color Explosion. Champions for Change is organizing a 9/11 Remembrance ceremony during the September 13 football halftime. The theme for this football game is Home of the Brave. Float building begins September 11. Homecoming week begins September 23. The Homecoming parade is Thursday, September 26 at 1:00 PM. Homecoming Game is Friday, September 27 and the dance is Saturday, September 28.
- 7. Focus on SAC Kym Momaly
  - a. Meetings will take place on the second Thursday of the month @ 6:00 in the media center. The dates are as follows.

9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8

b. Kym Momaly gave a brief description of the responsibilities of the officers. Election of officers for the 2024-2025 school year -

Kym Momaly-President Christina McIntyre- Vice President Lara Wheeler - Secretary

- c. Kym Momaly reviewed the obligations of the voting board.
- d. Election of voting board for the 2024-2025 school year.

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- e. Topics for upcoming meetings
  - 1. How does the shares program work at other schools.
  - 2. Budgets for Sports and the Arts

## 8. Focus on Sports

#### Athletic Director Lance Martin

The fall season began on July 29. All HS and MS teams are practicing and preparing for their seasons. 175 students are participating in fall sports in the following teams: Varsity Football, MS Football, Varsity Volleyball, JV volleyball, MS Volleyball, Golf, Cross Country, Varsity Cheer, MS Cheer. The first home football game is Friday night vs. Pompano Beach @ 7 PM. We have 8 home games and 3 away games, so there are many opportunities to come out. Homecoming is September 27. Varsity volleyball has three away games on the road and their first home match on September 5 vs. Key West. Golf had their first match today at Ocean Reef vs. CSHS and KW. Their first home match is next Monday August 26. Cross Country's first meet of the season is next Wednesday, August 28. The team will host their only home meet of the season on September 11.

A discussion ensued regarding athletic funding. Information was shared regarding funding. The district pays for coaching supplements and athletic travel. Additional costs are paid through fundraising and ticket sales. The SAC has requested the average cost per student for each sport. The SAC is interested in exploring a variety of options for fundraising. It was also noted that the school district tax exemption may only be used if school funds are used. This excludes individuals and booster clubs who pay for travel, uniforms, and equipment. In addition, it was also noted that all funds raised by students must be recorded through the school's internal revenue accounts.

#### 9. Focus on the Arts Christine Paul

On Friday, August 16, the entire school came out for a Ribbon Cutting celebration for the new Dolphin Mural. SGA president Leo Mendez and the Superintendent gave remarks. Caroline Mckechnie is heading up the drama program this year. More information will be forthcoming. Paul Anderson, the new band teacher is bringing back the marching band program and Aileen Lafave is bringing back color guard. An AVID talent show is scheduled for October 10, more information is coming soon.

10. Focus on School

- a. Mission and vision for the school
- b. School Improvement Plan

MHS has adopted the school district mission and vision. This year's SIP focus is standards-based instruction, individualized student support, and promoting a positive school climate and culture. The SIP will be presented at the next SAC meeting. MHS student enrollment is now over 800. Sean McDonald is the new CCAPS counselor and Jessica Richard is the Math Coach. MHS has welcomed 11 new teachers to the staff, some are returning and all bring a wealth of credentials and experience. The Leader in Me program by Stephen Covey is now being implemented thanks to an award grant. This program is an educational framework designed to help schools and districts develop leadership skills aimed at students and staff. It is based on the principles from "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey and aims to create a high-trust culture, improve academic achievement, and equip students with life skills.

## 11. Open Agenda Items

Going from 5 minutes to 3 minutes between classes- The rationale for this reduction in passing time is to reduce the amount of unstructured time which prevents bullying, fights, etc. The time was moved into the instructional block. Fifth period is now longer and will be used as a homeroom as well as to have class assemblies. One parent mentioned she was concerned about the weight of her daughter's backpack. It was shared that many students leave their books in their core classrooms as well as athletes will typically bring their bags to one classroom or they use the athletic lockers.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Paul

Light refreshments were available for all.