



***MPACT General Meeting
Mountainside High School
11/17/2021, 7:05 PM***

Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Dani Cohen at 7:05 PM; minutes recorded by Benedicte Balcher

In Attendance: Dani Cohen, Julie Blaufuss, Kelly Hansen, Paul Fracasso, Todd Corsetti, Benedicte Balcher, Lori Thune, Lisa Dennis Hwa, Kristen Yoerger, Monica Renfro, Christina Krauss.

President's Report - Dani Cohen

"Volunteers don't get paid not because they are worthless but because they are priceless"

- Still need a 2nd VP of marketing and a second VP of concession.
- Scholarship committee: 2 ways to help: administrative: application, scoring... and as part of the review panel. 9th-11th grade parents only. Contact Dani if interested.

- Motion to approve the minutes from the september meeting

Motion made by Dani Cohen, second by Julie Blaufuss.

Minutes approved

Guest - Jane, Student council

- Grateful for the money got from MPACT
- Holiday Sharing: grab a tag from the tree
- Make a Wish - stuff the Stables event. Starting to work on staff dares

Principal's report - Todd Corsetti

- COVID cases are down and when we have cases less students need to be quarantine
- 9th grade: at the beginning of the year 42% on track to not graduate based on past grade and behavior. Now 82% on track to graduate
- Fall sports wrapped up, 2 weeks break then winter sports start. All fall teams made it to the playoffs
- Principal's HERD (Here Everyone Respects Diversity). The focus of the group is to make Mountainside more inclusive. 75 kids applied more than anticipated. Working with the counselors to see how to best work with such large group
- Yuletide concert coming up

- Construction in the varsity softball field affecting parking
- Planning the “Stuff the stables” event. Jan 28th: basketball game against Southridge, then dance. We will make it clear that social distancing can’t be guaranteed.
- COVID home test program has about 200 participants more than any other school.
- Is there a link crew? Yes, Freshman class met them at the beginning of the year, trying to arrange another meeting before winter break

Treasurer Report – Julie Blaufuss

- Budget: Copy of the budget is available on the MPACT website, mountainsidepact.org. Go to the events tab then calendar. Find the meeting and all relevant docs will be there.
- About \$47,000 in the main account and \$5,000 in the graduate account
- Concessions and apparel sales are the main source of revenue
- More spending coming up in the second half of the year
- See’s candy fundraiser to be used for the MPACT scholarships
- Dining 4\$ 12/14 at Chipotle

Fundraising, Grad Night – Paul Fracasso

- Grad Party: tickets are on sale now. Already 2 meetings with the committee. Next meeting Dec. 8th
- Electronics recycling event will be April 23rd at the same location as last year: Al’s garden on Roy Rogers. Flyer will have more details as to what can be recycled. It’s a fundraiser and a community project
- Monthly Bottle drop at school, once a month on a Sunday
- We will be collecting Christmas light at school after the holidays
- Start collecting items now. Electronics, phones... but also metal recycling.

Merchandising - Christina

- Spirit wear sales doing great.
- Holiday pop up shop live through the end of the week.

Concessions – Jen Hetrick

- With Basketball season, moving from outdoor to indoor

Board Nominations - Dani Cohen

- Lori Thune for VP at large

Motion to nominate and elect Lori

Motion made by Dani Cohen, second by Paul Fracasso.

Motion approved

- Lisa Denis Hwa for VP Marketing

Motion to nominate and elect Lisa

Motion made by Dani Cohen, second by Kelly Hansen.

Motion approved

Communication: what can we do to be more visible. We have:

- Facebook MPACT parent group and our website.
- Mavs Express: MPACT info usually at the bottom
- Parent square. The info is automatically available in the parent's first language choice

Suggestions:

- Could the MPACT website be linked in the school website
- Instagram account
- Twitter account

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm by dani Cohen

Next general meeting January 19th