

JMPHS Board Meeting Notes: 11/16/17

Start time: 5:30pm

Members Present:

- Annette Johnson (Vice President)
- Justin Davis (President)
- Jimmy Durst
- Shelly Renfroe (Treasurer)
- Bo Hardee (Legal Counsel)
- Julia Waldrep

Administrators Present:

- Scot Bunch (Principal)
- James Johnson (Assistant Principal)

Staff Present:

- Donna Law
- Lynsei Love
- Denise Mattair
- Kaitlyn Ortega
- Michael Tolar
- Jillian Treglown
- Patrick White

Call to Order - Justin Davis

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes were tabled by Justin Davis due to them not being sent out in enough time to be reviewed by the School Board
 - Motion to approve by Justin Davis
 - Seconded by Annette
 - Unanimously approved by all members

- II. Financial Update
 - Reflected on by Justin Davis as emailed by Dr. Gibson
 - Shelley Renfroe discussed that there were a few problem that have been caused by the lack of funds that were in the budget that were not properly catalogued by former Principal, Demetrius Rice, in the last year.
 - Justin Davis reflected that we are getting close to maxing out our line of credit and that it will make the end of the calendar year tight. He counseled that there be a special session to meet with the Finance Committee to address this issue.
 - Shelley Renfroe reflected that Dr. Gibson could understand it better and will be able to explain better in a special session.

- She followed up with the idea that Dr. Gibson will be sending out a letter to specific companies to be sponsors in order to help collect funds to add this but that it would probably be a bandaid for a larger wound financially.
- Julia Waldrep asked about the line item from NFCC about dual enrollment costs and how large it seems to be because she thought there was some payment towards it. Shelley Renfroe explained that the prior payment was only towards electronic books.
- Shelley Renfroe and Scot Bunch explained that budgeting for dual enrollment is a guessing game and that we should expect it to come down in the next semester.
- Financials were closed out by Justin Davis without further comment.
- Motion to approve by Annette Johnson
 - Seconded by Justin Davis

III. Teacher Time

- Patrick White informed that his fund raiser yielded 11 computers that are being used daily by online students, classroom students, and dual enrollment students who tutor in his class. He remarked that there will be more through that site and that it will come around during March of 2018 because that is the month that larger companies donate.
- Patrick White explained Chic-fil-a will be a new item for lunch and we will be offering a breakfast meal. The company will be donating 10 gallons of sweet tea to work with the breakfast foods for fund raisers. It will be twice a week for lunches and daily for breakfast. There would be a stipulation that we sell 50 sandwiches at a time in order to get them to deliver it from Lake Park, GA. It will go through December in order to see if it can gather any traction.
- Kaitlyn Ortega explained that the Journalism classes sold class shirts and bracelets and that it has been a success. She also explained that we are expecting big things in English with gains. However, with the Reading courses we had a company called American Reading company come in to pitch new curriculum for reading because we have made the curriculum for the last two years.
- Donna Law updated the Beta Club news with doing can and coat drives. She also explained that some of the funds that are being collected will be used to create disaster kits to help families in tough situations, decorating a christmas tree during the Madison downtown festival, and that there will be a raffle for Christmas baskets.
- Michael Tolar updated the SWAT club with news that the club presented to a lunch and learn with the Health Department as well as at the Courthouse to local officials. They are creating a video to help encourage students not to start using tobacco or to encourage them to quit. He also explained that we have updated the art in office with student art.
- Jillian Treglown spoke on having prom in Valdosta, GA at the Rainwater Conference center. It is on a different date from the MCHS prom and that the students are excited to not have to compete with each other to get dinners and spend time at both proms. It will be April, 7, 2018.

IV. Current Enrollment

- Scot Bunch explained that we currently have 193 students and that some are on the waiting list to be called in and that others were having parent conferences to explain that our environment is not the best.

- Some will also be working on early graduation due to personal family needs. We have 2 that are considering working towards that. We also have had 2 students request to return from other schools to starting in January, 2018.
 - 50 Fresh
 - 50 Soph
 - 51 Juniors
 - 42 Seniors
 - Some of these will be mid-year promotions so we will end up with some openings with Juniors and Sophomores.

V. Facility Update

- None at this time.

VII. Other items

- Bo Hardee presented the new template for the school's Charter for renewal.
 - He explained that the template was presented using the newest form from the state of Florida.
 - The term of this contract will be 15 years and will also attempt to negotiate the percentage of what the District charges the school down from 5% down to 2.5%.
 - The District Attorney of Madison asked that we set a maximum allowable number of students be raised to above 200 students as is currently set.
- Justin Davis explained that the template is used as the Madison District model and that is why it includes extraneous information because it benefits other possible charter schools in the future.
 - He also recommended that the JMPHS School Board meet to look over certain parts of the document and adjust things to solidify the vision for the future (i.e. - the school's mission).
- Justin Davis proposed that this draft be what is presented to the Madison District for initial review.
- Shelley Renfroe reminded the Board about the upcoming Gala and update them about it. It will be January, 27, 2018, and the price will be \$60 a table. It will take place at Divine Events on Colin Kelley HWY at 5:30pm.
 - The same night will be a silent auction to use as an additional fundraiser. A lot of the auction will take place on the internet and will be finished at the Gala.
- Justin Davis remarked that with the end of the year coming up that local businesses will consider donating to the school since we are a non-profit and it can be tax-deductible.

Next meeting was set on December 19th, 2017, by Justin Davis and was unanimously approved.

Adjournment was called by Justin Davis and unanimously approved.