

December 1, 2016 UMS HSC Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Rama Nemani	Maureen Currie	Audrey Mantell
Todd Feinberg	Kristi Haftorson	Erica Osman
Losana Blair	Alexis Hoekstra	Debbie Sy
Lisa Granberry	Alec Ching	Amy Griffin
Nancy Smith	Lisa Clifford	Drew Doblar
Eva Lippmann	Stacey Profitt	Christie Killen
Tanya Kruse	Stephanie Cipresse	Kara Butler – Principal, Leigh High School
Janette Adams	Murphy Rowan	

Meeting called to order at 8:34

November Mtg. Minutes

- Rama and Kristi have some more changes to add so we will bring the minutes to the January meeting for approval

Treasurer's Report

- Nearly met membership revenues
- Haven't closed bank statement; will provide financials as soon as the bank makes statement available.
- Blast received the last two checks it was waiting on; final net income was approx. \$14,000 (?)
- See Financials slide for details

Grants

- All grants except three were approved at last month's meeting
- Drew sent emails to all Grantees this morning to inform them

Sports Boosters

- Income for the evening was \$18,000; Expenses \$5,000. After expenses the predicted net income will be approximately \$13,800.
- they have several items leftover that they are going to sell but don't expect to bring in more than \$100

Hospitality

- Lisa is debating between providing cookies for the staff like last year or providing a full meal
- Next Teacher Appreciation will be December 14th
- Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Mantell say that while the cookies are REALLY popular, the teacher really do love having the meal each month
- Lisa mentioned the possibility of having both but no decision was made

Website

- Rama working with Geoff to make generic committee email addresses for all committee chairs, for example the Blast Committee Chair email would be (example) umsblast@unionhsc.org
- This would help from having multiple contact information circulated for the same event and also emails could be archived so that we can keep all past information
- The generic email accounts can be set up so that email is forwarded to a committee chair's personal email
- Rama will contact committee chairs to discuss

Music Boosters

- Groups have been using their new uniforms
- UMS will be performing in the Los Gatos Holiday Parade this weekend

Drama

- Informational Parent Meeting is being held in the library this evening
- Registration will take place Monday
- Musical is "Schoolhouse Rock!"
- Depending on how many kids we have we may have more than one cast
- Performances are scheduled for May 4,5,6, & 7th of 2017

Turkey Drive

- Things went smoothly; no problems at drop-off
- Collected about 32 turkeys; 50% less turkeys than last year
- Alexis believes that people were a bit thrown off since Thanksgiving was a bit early this year
- Overall the community organizations were low on turkey donations as well so UMS seems to be consistent with the community trend
- Lisa Granberry suggested a Remind possibly earlier rather than the evening before turkeys are due so that folks have a chance to make a last minute dash to the store; She also suggested perhaps more publicity as well 😊
- 6th grade won the drive and received caramel apple pops the next day

Art Vista

- 6th AV is going well; kids seem to like the projects
- 7th Grade training was Tuesday Night and went well

mPower

- There was a brief discussion/brainstorm about how to handle behavior challenges (Maureen Currie) and how to draw quiet groups into discussions (Kristi Haftorson)
- The group in attendance had some good suggestions – lots of seasoned veterans offered suggestions

Principal's Report

- Lockdown drill occurred this past Tuesday
 - Many teachers practiced with classes on Monday to decide how they would proceed
 - The Police Officer who oversaw the drill rotated through the campus with staff to monitor the classes. He said that this was the best middle school he's witnessed.
 - Mr. Feinberg noted that the drill occurred one day after the Ohio State University shooting so it was very fresh in teachers' minds
 - Feedback was provided to all teachers and some individuals
 - Mr. F says it's a good idea to do it once a year to keep it fresh
 - The proper term for this drill is called the Active Shooter Drill specific to that situation. We do have other drills that we do for other situations like fire, school lockdowns, Earthquakes, etc.
 - Suggestion was made to maybe send correspondence to the parents as to what the procedures are in this case
 - Erica Osman asked what the procedure is for releasing students to parents. Mrs. Mantell and Mr. Feinberg briefly outlined the different procedures that would take place and will look at ways to inform parents of those procedures (mainly how to pick up your child) in the event of an emergency.
- Chris Colturman is filling in for science
- Veronica Brigg is filling in for math
- Leslie Sharrot is an intern; receiving science credential and is helping for science and will be there indefinitely until the situation with the original teacher is resolved
- Mrs. Malatesta was nominated for UMS's Teacher of the Year and will attend a dinner next week in Hollister
- Mr. Barbara, Mr. Argabright and Mr. Seeger took the girls basketball teams to the Warriors' games last week
- We are applying for a Gold Ribbon award; this is similar to what many of the elementary schools applied for last year. All applications have been submitted; we're hopeful that we will receive the award
- Leigh visitation day was last week MANY kids came – very few absences for 8th graders that day! Students toured the school, met current Leigh students and lots of great feedback was received from kids and parents. Kids loved the idea of getting to see what the high school was like and what's in store for them next year.
- Individual student tours of the high school are not offered but they have the 8th grade visitation day, Open House, Info night and all students are welcome to attend sporting events and other events

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 AM

Meeting was followed by our Guest Speaker this month – Mrs. Kara Butler, Principal of Leigh High School.