

Math and Science Academy Booster Club Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2020

Meeting called to order: 7:07PM

Board Present: Shelley Brough, Jigisha Doshi, Hazel Dolar, Krishna Chokkarapu, Vasu Santhanam, Dr. Yun Wan, Sonali Tayi, Neeta Agrawal, Mahendra Goverdhanan, Deepak Kanwar, Rama Pakala, Sundar Moorthi, Gaurav Jhaveri

Minutes Ratified: Shelley Brough

- November Minutes....
 - Motion made by Vasu S. to accept, seconded by Deepak K. Unanimously passed and ratified.
- January Minutes....
 - Motion made by Rama P. to accept, seconded by Dr. Yun Wan, Unanimously passed and ratified.

Volunteer of the Month: Shelley Brough

- November Volunteers of the month:
 1. Neeta Agrawal
 2. Smitha Ramachandra
 3. Binru Huang
- January Volunteers of the month:
 1. Jigisha Doshi
 2. Gaurav Jhaveri
 3. Lin Adams

Treasurer Report: Vasu Santhanam

- Bank Balance \$16,599.14
 - January Pizza sale (\$1,006 gross, net \$426)
 - Teacher training for Jason Argonaut Conference (for one of the Biology teacher - \$208) - originally \$400 approved
 - Note: \$8 from above is the tax amount which will be adjusted in the audit.
 - \$2,000 scholarship approved now moved into the Grant Expense -
 - The budget was changed to reflect this change at the last board meeting.

MSA Coordinator Update: Donald Lam

- Suggestion from Mr. Lam to use Genisys Work - 'headhunters' for FBISD (Reese Cente ?) can help in placement (some paid, some unpaid) of Internships
- First round of Academy testing is completed
 - 131 last week tested, around 150 scheduled for this week for testing -
 - 300 had Priority 1.
 - 2019 had 600 apply
 - 2020 had ??? apply
 - Total 998 applied in all of FBISD (was 800 in 2019)
- Field Trip:
 - Amazon - 40 students participated on field trip to Amazon warehouse in Katy

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- Difficulty in getting MSA students to participate on field trips as they dont want to miss school
- Discussion from board member about proposed ranking in the future; TEA says the FBISD academy ranking has to be pulled back – no conclusion on this subject at this time
- Discussion made to suggest to FBISD to indicate that the student is a MSA student on the Transcript.
- Discussion about where students can get Counselling help to identify career?
 - Mr. Lam suggested Naviance, etc.
- Discussion from board parent about where can students get 'real-life' knowledge (credit cards / financial etc).
 - Mr. Lam : This is part of the Texas curriculam - in Eco / Math etc - they are taught Financial Literacy

MSA Student Officer Update: No Student Update

Education Committee: Rakesh Kumar

- Internships:
- 49 kids applied, only 18 are members of MSA booster club
- 30 rising seniors,
 - (We lost some openings in MD Anderson so we dont have the private channel anymore)
- Running late - original date was Jan 30 to get the kids placed
 - Some placements are followed by a formal screening interview with the Mentor
 - Others we screen on behalf of the Mentor
 - A 3rd type is a placement where the mentor evaluates the student based on a 3 week window, and then finalizes for a paid summer internship.
- Discussion of needing to ensure privacy of the Mentors needs to be respected.
 - The reason being is that in the past students would pass the mentor contact info to their friends which some mentors complained about.
- There was no interest by students in 4 open dentistry slots
- Chase (Financial internship) also looking to finalize in the next couple of days
- DA etc also looking to provide some openings.

Events: Sonali Tayi

- Met with students / assigned tasks / chalked out the plan.
- Event brochure team - Sonali looking for a lead for the Brochure team
 - Know where to print ...???
 - Kids pictures/
 - to look for sponsorships, etc
 - discussion to call it the MSA Memories booklet
- Maha will create flyer for- save the date -
- School will give audio system /
- Mr. Lam will contact the DJ (student in Travis)
 - Discussion- students will want to be incharge so DJ may not be needed
- Rama: we can do all the audio within the school's equipment and the student DJ
- Rama: do we want to have a 'live video' on seperate screen
- Krishna: we may have a bigger projector / screen available etc

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Marketing:

- **MSA Profile:**
 - 9 Alumni testimonies (can be put on back of the MSA profile)

Membership: Hazel Dolar

- No Update

Grants: Gaurav Jhaveri

- Two requests for calculators
- Math dept and Physics dept.
- Tournaments - guidelines on how to support ... when should we support

President Update: Shelley Brough

- Student Event: Mar 21 - Escape room 1- 6 PM
 - Concessions - Blender bike - the District can provide it... for making smoothies
- Student event - Dodgeball – April
- Schlumberger FBISD Education bike ride... volunteer opportunity for boosters and students
 - 9AM - 2.30PM – possibly in shifts
 - 2 parents, 10 students
 - Can make it a theme based event..
 - Rama / Mahendra volunteered tentatively ... Mr. Lam will look to the students
- FBISD district volunteer meetings ... we need to make sure we have parents from the BoosterClub board to attend, lots of helpful information and resources for booster clubs
- Looking for new membership to the booster club next year...will be sending out Google form to board for interest in postions for next year

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36PM