

JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL  
FMSAS GENERAL MEETING #3  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014  
6:30 P.M.--8:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:45 P.M.

Quorum was established. Board members present: Christine Tucker, VP; Marylou Mejia, VP of Fundraising; Cindy Solovei, Treasurer; Josie Contratto, Secretary. Student Leadership Cabinet: Aram Martirosyan, Celeste Amaya. SAS coordinator, Larry Welch. Various SAS parents. (Sign-in sheet available.)

Presentation by Student Leadership Cabinet members Aram Martirosyan and Celeste Amaya. Various topics discussed, including SAS Assembly held on 11/13/14 to promote SAS clubs and other school services. Student survey conducted. One survey question was how would students want funds from The Giving Campaign allocated. Students response: field trips (subject interest: science and history). They also requested calculators.

There was a parent's suggestion to publish results of the student poll, possibly on FMSAS website under Student's Section.

Discussed creation of Mentoring Program not just for tutoring but to foster community amongst all grade levels. Possibility of mentor participants getting community service credits.

On behalf of Khoa Tran, Aram Martirosyan discussed the school paper *Midnight Judge* and the possible need for funding to print the newspaper. Cost of printing at Staples is approximately \$40.00. Mr. Welch said they can possibly print internally. *Midnight Judge*, school paper. Creative outlet for SAS students: poetry, creative writing, photography, artwork.

Student Leadership Cabinet meetings open to all students. Held every Tuesday during nutrition in Miss Jigamyan's room. Student Leadership Cabinet comprised of five freshmen, three juniors, two seniors. Ms. Mejia suggests using SAS parent volunteers to assist with organizing future SAS assemblies.

Mr. Allwright briefly addressed the group. He will look into providing addresses for The Giving Campaign; providing more visibility for the FMSAS group on Marhsall's main website and/or allowing Mr. Welch access to add SAS-related information. Gave approval for gelato fundraiser.

Update on Giving Campaign. As of 11/18/14, approximately \$6,000 raised. Prior funds used to purchase graphing calculators and Turnitin.com software. Extensive

discussion about merits of Turnitin.com software. Not just plagiarism software. Also grading software (for math, science, history). Bulletin board site (provides additional communication for students). Peer editing program. Software used in major universities across the country. Cost of software approximately \$2,220. FMSAS paid school fee of \$650 and four dollars per FMSAS student x 386 students. Mr. Jeffries, through the magnet budget, paid for subscriptions for magnet students, approximately \$800. Goal is to have the school pay for the subscriptions next year.

Ms. Solovei discussed signing up FMSAS as an Amazon Affiliate and creating an Amazon Wishlist for the teachers. 10% of purchase goes to FMSAS. Email blast with more information to follow soon.

Parent polls. Polls handed out to attendees. Request parent input for prioritization of funds.

Introduction of School Relations Committee members:  
Elizabeth Mang, parent of Max Simons (ninth grader). Responsible for organizing first-ever Pazzo Gelato fundraiser. (See details below).  
Jim Contratto, parent of Gabriella Contratto (ninth grader). Also on School Site Council. Will provide updates on SSC meetings. Facilitate communication between board and teachers, staff.  
Lisa Hirsch-Marin, parent of Hannah Hirsch-Marin (ninth grader). Also involved with WASC accreditation, which includes information gathering, strategizing and implementing action plans to ensure Marshall meets the high accreditation standards. Will also relay pertinent information arising from "Coffee with the Principal."

#### Fundraising Event:

Pazzo Gelato owner Michael Buch is donating gelato, cups, spoons, coolers. We just need to provide ice, two pop-up tents. Ms. Arias offered to provide a pop-up tent. Need one more.

Target date December 12, 2014, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Set up on Tracy and St. George.

Suggestion to have the SAS students involved with publicizing the event, putting up posters, generating buzz; choosing flavors for the event; maybe come up with a name for these fundraising events.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Please note there will be no general meeting in December.*