

**Marathon Middle / High School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 1, 2016**  
**6:00 PM MMHS Media Center**

SAC Members in Attendance

Chairperson: Christina Gonzalez (Unable to attend)

Vice Chairperson: Christina Rodriguez

Secretary: Rachel Neller (Unable to attend)

Administration Representative: Principal Wendy McPherson

Administration Representative: Assistant Principal Liz Logan

Athletic Director: Teresa Konrath (Unable to attend)

Dean of Students: Christine Paul

1. Welcome by Christina Rodriguez at 6:03pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Amanda Ban.
3. Approval of prior months minutes were approved with Jenn Mixon-Eick making a motion to approve and Michelle Franck seconding the motion.
4. SGA (Student Government) report was given by Amanda Ban. Homecoming was a success! The school raised \$3,000 despite the change in date. Some of the MHS students volunteered at the Switlik Dance on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The school is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be an alumni volleyball game on December 10<sup>th</sup>. In the leadership class the students made posters to support the Cross Country team as they leave for state competition tomorrow. They are currently looking into having a Winter Formal.
5. SAC Vice President Christina Rodriguez- SAC board members met with the leadership team at MMHS to review the School Improvement Plan. As we reviewed the plan we noticed that reading was an area that needed improvement. We discussed coming up with a reading survey for the students to take in order to better understand what motivates students to want to read more. We came up with a rough draft list of questions and ask for the rest of the SAC members to contribute their ideas.
7. Assistance Principal report by Liz Logan- Ms. Logan reviewed the tentative testing calendar for the year. She stated that students are allowed to retake AP exams. The only paper based exams this year are 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade FSA Writing and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science exam. All of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will test on their new Chromebooks. The End of Semester exams will be the week before Winter break. December 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.
8. Principal report by Wendy McPherson- Once the Reading survey is completed we will deliver the survey to students via Google Classroom. We need to change the culture of reading at MMHS and we hope that this survey will give us insight into what motivates students to read. The Gallup survey results are not available yet but as soon as we receive the results we will share them with SAC.
9. Dean of Students report by Christine Paul- We have formed an Attendance Committee at MMHS and we meet regularly to review the data. We will send a notice home once a student has more than five absences. If a student has missed more than nine class periods they will be required to pass the end of semester exams in order to receive credit towards graduation. Students and parents are responsible to keep teachers informed if they miss school and need to ask the teacher for the work that they missed. We are celebrating the students that received perfect attendance during the first quarter with a pizza party.
10. Literacy Coach report by Jill Williams- Mrs. Williams met with students after they took their first STAR reading progress monitoring exam. She went over the results and set goals with each student. We are actively promoting reading by creating commercials that are aired on DTV, engaging in book chats and through elective classes. The art students are creating posters that will be displayed during literacy month. There will be a family literacy night on November 17<sup>th</sup>, "Dinner and a Book" from 5:00-7:00 at the Dolphin Bistro. There will be a book exchange so that each student that attends can go home with a new book. We are in need of young adult books for high school students. If you have some books that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the front office addressed to Jill Williams.

Next meeting will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Media center at MMHS.  
Respectfully submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016 by Christina Rodriguez