

**Moorestown High School Home and School Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**7:00pm Media Center**

**Call to order/H&S committee updates: Mrs. Carin Troy, MHS H&S Chairperson**

- \*Motion to approve the September 12, 2018 meeting minutes: Maggie Dell and Caroline Megill.
- \*Unofficial Home and School meeting minutes are posted on the H&S Facebook page.
- \*Thank you to Kathy Coffey for organizing an excellent teacher appreciation breakfast.
- \*The Moorestown BOE Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Burlington County, is on October 29<sup>th</sup> at WAMS Media Center 7:30-9:00 PM. Child care will be available; pre-registration is requested.
- \*Please check the MHS daily bulletin and Home and School emails.

**Community Service Overview: Ms. Monica Bell, Interact Club Advisor and Guidance Counselor**

- \*Students are advised to keep track of their service hours. There are many benefits to community service: students become more involved in our community, volunteerism is greatly appreciated by the various organizations, there are opportunities to go abroad, and service hours are valued by universities and colleges. In the 2017-18 academic year, our high school students volunteered over 35,000 hours.
- \*Please have your students complete the "Request to Record Volunteer Hours" form and submit to the appropriate grade-level advisor by the deadlines designated on the form. The service year runs from May 1 through April 30. Students may record hours for direct community service, service with religious organizations, service-related trips, and indirect service activities (e.g., ARC Blood Drive, ACS Relay for Life). Students may not submit hours for paid positions, internships, in-kind donations, and job shadowing.
- \*There is recognition for 40+ hours of service, including the Chenille service certificates (50-99 hours), a service award dinner (>100 service hours), service awards for the top 5% and 10% seniors. There are usually 8-10 senior students per year who record 4 years of 100+ hours. There is recognition for underclassmen/women who record > 100 hours per year. There is a President's volunteer service award for > 100 hours. Additionally, service scholarships opportunities are available.
- \*Some of the local organizations and events for which students volunteer include: Urban Challenge Club (students volunteer at a nursery in Camden and participate in a toy and food drive), American Red Cross Blood Drive, Soup for the Soul, Acapella for Autism, Dream 5K, Live Civilly, Moorestown Parks and Recreation Department, Perkins Center for the Arts, MoorArts, Moorestown Library, and The Volunteer Center of Burlington County.

**Guidance Update: Mrs. Kat D'Ambra, Director of Guidance**

- \*Our guidance counselors have been meeting with freshmen in small groups and counselors are available to talk with our students at any time.
- \*Dual Credit at MHS/Rowan College at Burlington County College Accelerated Program: This refers to the opportunity for high school students to earn both college and high school credit while taking advanced placement (AP) high school courses. Students must register online for an account at [www.rcbc.app.dualenroll.com](http://www.rcbc.app.dualenroll.com) Students must earn a grade of C or better and score of 2 or better on the AP exam. There is no guarantee that a particular school will accept courses for college credit. There is a fee for this program.
- \*PSATs were taken today, October 10<sup>th</sup>, by our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. 11<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship. Scores are reported in December. Students can register online and open an account with Khan Academy. Khan develops a customized plan for each student after students link their College Board and Khan accounts. Khan academy is an excellent and free resource for students.
- \*Ashley LaFrance, a program manager with Kaplan, will talk about choosing to take the SAT vs the ACT on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.
- \*Peter Van Buskirk, a leader in College Planning, may return in the spring.

**Principal's Update: Mr. Drew Seibel, MHS Principal**

- \*Jack Renkens, president and founder of "Recruiting Realities" will be talking about college admissions for athletes in November.
- \*Today, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we had nearly 100% attendance for the PSATs by our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

\*We had a modified schedule today, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Our 3-part schedule included a career fair; a presentation by Brent Daniels, music composer and producer and the coordinator for the trailer of Black Panther; and Scott Bakovitch, a youth motivational speaker, who talked with all students as well as with student council.

\*A special thank you to H&S for the excellent staff appreciation lunch.

\*There will be a Veterans Day assembly on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Families are welcome to submit the names of family members who are veterans so that they can be included in the program.

\*Underclass recognition night is on November 14<sup>th</sup>. This program honors those in the Service Society, National Merit Scholarship Finalists, and student-athletes who have committed to a college or university.

\*The senior class trip to Walt Disney World is April 6-11. Information about insurance will be going out to parents tomorrow. There are two types of insurance: a "cancel for any reason" policy and a general insurance policy. There will be a parent meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Underclassmen/women can start saving for their senior trip now. The cost of this year's trip is \$1675. Payments can be made through the parent payment portal. Deposits are fully refundable if a family moves out of town.

\*Spirit Week is October 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. There are themes each day: Americana Monday, Tropical Tuesday, Wild-West Wednesday, Throwback Thursday (freshman—50s, sophomores—70s, juniors—60s, and seniors—80s), and Class Pride Friday (freshman—white, sophomores—gray, juniors—yellow, seniors—black). Classes will compete against one another.

\*On Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have 2 homecoming pep rallies, one during the school day and one at 6:30 PM. The homecoming game is at 1 PM on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. During halftime, the homecoming court will be announced. The homecoming dance is on Saturday night at 6:45 PM at MHS.

\*The Cotillion will be later in the year and will be at The Community House. It is for freshmen and sophomores.

\*Contributions to the Thanksgiving food drive will be based on grade (freshmen—boxed mashed potatoes, sophomores—boxed stuffing, juniors—canned fruit, seniors—canned vegetables).

\*Regarding back to school night, staff and parents seem to have preferred the earlier date this year.

#### **Board of Education Update: Dr. Sandra Alberti, BOE President**

\*Community Engagement Opportunity Update: we are engaged with an outside organization regarding strategic planning. Our first community engagement forum is on October 25<sup>th</sup> at WAMS at 6 PM. We will be discussing the world class learner and will include the student perspective. Stacy and Bill Adams will be there. Please RSVP for this event to [strategicplanning@mtps.com](mailto:strategicplanning@mtps.com)

#### **Scott McCartney, MTPS Superintendent:**

\*MHS will be one of the recipients of a county grant for \$1.2-1.7 million for safety and security. Burlington County's budget is \$20 million.

\*Student voice: MTPS BOE has included students from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades to engage with the BOE and the community. The students attended the BOE meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **H&S School Report/Wrap Up**

Motion to adjourn: Cindy Snyder and Laura Pascal

#### **Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: BOE Community Communication Forum 6 PM in the WAMS Media Center

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>: Pep Rally 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming Game 1 PM; Homecoming Dance 6:45 PM

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>: Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>-Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fall Play

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: End of Marking Period 1

Thursday/Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>: No School: NJ Teacher Convention

**Reminder: Moorestown Home & School apparel sale ends October 15th!**

Log onto <http://www.moorestownhomeandschool.com> to see the awesome apparel and accessories!

***Want to stay connected with your child's class happenings? Join the Facebook page set up specifically for your class and be informed about meetings, community service deadlines, etc.***

**MHS Class of 2019 Parents**

**Moorestown High School Class of 2020 Parents**

**MHS Class of 2021 Parents**

**Moorestown Class of 2022 Parents**