

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM
In Person Meeting Only - Library

Present: Chair – Amy Houghton, Roxanne Ackerman*, Kimberly Kirk, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts
Others: Junior Class President – Julia Sayre, David Hines
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Administrator of Special Education – Heather Rogers-Rodrigues, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Wellness Coordinator, School Adjustment Counselor – Amy Lilavois, School Adjustment Counselor – Matthew Malowski
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman, Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod
Towns/County: Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larson, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet
Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, MVTV, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski
**Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members (see * in text)*

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:02 PM. *(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

Welcome - Chair

(Agenda Item #I)

Chair Amy Houghton welcomed Louis Paciello to the Committee as the newest member and encouraged him to consider joining sub-committees. She extended a ‘heartfelt thanks’ to all the staff during this Staff Appreciation Week.

MSBA/ Regional Agreement

(Agenda Item #II)

Chair Houghton outlined the three documents shared with the Committee and explained they were vetted by the attorneys; a special meeting should be scheduled specifically for that review.

Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said the special sub-committee had met twice and explored a number of formula options that could be considered; they looked to other districts with similar challenges and how they came to a solution. He said a few more meetings would be conducted to be certain a decision would be finalized. *(Please see documents on file for sub-committee structure: APPROVED Minutes MVRHS SC MARCH 30_MSBA.pdf, pg 3, Agenda Item #IV)*

Members agreed upon May 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM, for a special meeting to review all documents.

**Roxanne Ackerman arrived at 6:08 PM*

Routine Reports

(Agenda Item #III)

A. Superintendent

1. General update:

Superintendent D'Andrea said all the town meetings had gone well; there was one more to go.

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2. AISC Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday May 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM, would be the next *in-person* meeting. Many important agenda items would be discussed; he encouraged all Members to attend.

B. Principal

1. Continuation Long Term Goals:

Principal Sara Dingley reviewed the following with the Committee. *(Please see the document on file for details: Goals and plans.pdf.)*

1. CURRENT AND ONGOING WORK

- a. MVRHS teachers will have meaningful departmental discussions focused on looking at student work, revising written curriculum and coherent assessments.
- b. MVRHS will have small group Social Emotional Learning (SEL) opportunities that allow the school to process important information, communicate community info, build peer relationships and ensure all students have a reliable, trusted adult who can be proactive in outreach and referrals to higher 'tiers'.
- c. MVRHS will have support systems and structures in place.

2. NEXT YEAR AND BEYOND

- a. MVRHS will have a class on each grade level that supports and measures the realization of our school values, healthy habits, and student reflection.
- b. MVRHS will strengthen and develop pathway programs, providing multiple ways to graduate, awarding college credit to a range of students, and granting industry experience and certification to others.
- c. MVRHS will support a vision for the work ALL of our graduates will complete; a common core of skills and values that all students will practice and reflect upon.
- d. MVRHS is organizationally committed to diversity, equity and inclusion.

2. College Credit Plan for 22-23:

Samuel Hart said he was working out the details for next fall to add 15 credits to the existing dual enrollment program/s and would be meeting with The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to understand what a pre-college academy designation would look like. *(Please see document on file for details: APPROVED MVRHS SC Minutes February 7, 2022 Meeting.pdf, pg 2, Agenda Item #II, B. 2.)*

Principal Dingley said the Scholastic Advisory Committee (SAC) initiated Brazilian Culture night and the upcoming Field Day; they target culture and culture building activities. She gave a special *thank you*, to the group of staff and teachers (PTSO) that pulled together the amazing slate of activities for Staff Appreciation Week.

C. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities:

Julia Sayre updated the committee with some of the many events underway:

1. Baseball, tennis and lacrosse games were in progress; it was a great weekend for sports.
2. An after school snack program began today; it was well received.
3. Last month the Brazilian Culture night was held with traditional food and dance. There was a huge turnout and a story was written about the event in the High School View. Kimberly Kirk said she attended and thought it was very well done.

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4. Stand With Everyone Against Rape (SWEAR) meeting was scheduled.
5. Standardized tests were happening over the next few weeks.
6. Field Day and Student Government Elections would be held in June.
7. The Junior class was in charge of the May Electronics Disposal Day.
8. Prom and Spring Fling were being planned.

Chair Houghton asked if prom dresses were needed; Amy Lilavois said they were carefully reviewing donations based on past experience.

Consents: Votes Required

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Minutes:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 30, 2022 AND APRIL 4, 2022 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

B. Personnel:

SKIPPER MANter MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF AMY CRAWFORD, BROOKE DITCHFIELD AND HEATHER ROGERS-RODRIGUES; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

C. Grants and Donations:

SKIPPER MANter MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE BABY GRAND PIANO TO THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT FROM MARYANN WALSH; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

SKIPPER MANter MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TWO GRANTS: \$500.00 FROM THE CAPE COD OF MIT AND \$4000.00 FROM THE GAGNON FOUNDATION; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

D. Selection of Vice Chair: Tabled.

E. Out of State Requests:

Ms. Lilavois, with Matthew Malowski, explained why the SWEAR overnight trip at a camp in New Hampshire was so beneficial. Back after two years (due to COVID), the program was moving full steam ahead. This was a grant funded collaboration with CONNECT to End Violence, part of Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCC).

The philosophy of the program was to discuss rape culture, locker room talk and Island statistics around domestic violence with both sexes (including the aftermath playing out with teens after the pandemic); the group would be comprised of 25 boys and 3-5 girls.

The retreat allowed undivided attention with the kids over two days. With adult support, they would be filled with many uncomfortable conversations that needed to happen. The engagement and buy-in from students was amazing; they took this learning and shared it with the local school communities; the timing was important for summer so they could be active bystanders at parties and so on. The

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review process for applicants was quite thorough, Ms. Lilavois and the CONNECT team reviewed and selected the participants; this was not a resume builder.

Members were in full support and asked for details of the work that was done, after the retreat; it was viewed as a great learning opportunity for all.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW THE OUT-OF-STATE AND OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR THE STAND WITH EVERYONE AGAINST RAPE (SWEAR) CAMPING TRIP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE JUNE 5 AND JUNE 6, 2022; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

F. Professional Development Approval:

Registration for the Exeter Humanities Institute June 19 - 24th for four teacher-participants (Lauren Goethals, Spencer D'Agostino, Corinne Kurtz, Rachel Schubert)

\$1500.00 conference fee per participant. Total of \$6,000. *This was brought to the Committee for approval because it was out of state and over \$1000.00 per person.*

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW THE OUT-OF-STATE THREE DAY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

AP Summer Institute for Math to be held in Bridgewater, Massachusetts July 2022; two teacher-participants Carole Flanders and Melissa Brailard; \$1300.00 conference fee per participant.

This was brought to the Committee for approval because it was over \$1000.00 per person.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW CAROLE FLANDERS AND MELISSA BRAILLARD ATTEND THE AP SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR MATH IN BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Finance

(Agenda Item #V)

A. Revenue and Expenditures:

Members discussed assessments and how they would balance out for the year ending in June.

Suzanne Cioffi said changes to budget category lines were being made to comply with DESE for the state reporting; she was working with Lynn Rebello, Accounts Manager.

The Special Education (SPED) other expense line was over \$101,000.00. Mark Friedman said this represented the Off-Island transportation for residential students that was not anticipated during the budget process. Members asked if parents would continue driving; Hope MacLeod said it was our responsibility to provide transportation but said it could continue to be a combination of both.

Due to custodial staff shortages and not being able to fill the positions, Fuller Cleaning Services, under contract, was being used.

B. Certified Excess & Deficiency: N/A

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C. Bus Drivers & Monitors - Incentives:

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE INCENTIVE FUNDS UP TO \$45,000.00 FOR FY22; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

D. Revolving Fund Update:

Chair Houghton recommended the Committee evaluate the revolving accounts at least once a year, Ms. Cioffi reviewed each line. *(Please see document of file for details: V. D. Revolving Accounts as of April 30, 2022.pdf.)* Principal Dingley said the Building Usage Fund should be reviewed by the Facilities Sub-Committee (FacSubCom); Michael Watts, Chair of the FacSubCom would add it to a future agenda for discussion.

SubCommittee Update

(Agenda Item #VI)

FacSubCom:

Mr. Watts, Chair, said the wide range of requests for usage was being compiled into a spreadsheet for better understanding; how each worked within the existing categories on the form. The exterior shingling in the courtyard was completed over April break; Mike Taus continued to chase a few building leaks, most under warranty. The next meeting was scheduled for May 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

TransSubCom:

Kimberly Kirk, Chair, said a representative from Highland Fleets would attend the next Transportation Sub-Committee meeting to discuss services. Other agenda items included the arrival of two electric buses and the needed infrastructure. Mr. Manter suggested an invitation be extended to Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) Administrator, Angela E. Gompert; Ms. Kirk indicated she had already attended a few meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for May 5, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

Kris O'Brien said the vote for the special permit from the Oak Bluffs (OB) planning board for the field project would be on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Lionette suggested a separate meeting after the vote; it was decided to include this as an agenda item for the May 17, 2022 MVRHS SC special meeting.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #VII)

Members discussed what was needed for a vote as it related the sale of alcohol with the MV Sharks Baseball Team contract and the recent OB approval for the liquor license. The vote from March 7, 2022 was read; Members said they did not want to hold up the process and recommended this be added to the May 17, 2022 MVRHS SC special meeting agenda. *(Please see document on file for details: APPROVED MVRHS SC Minutes March 7, 2022 Meeting.pdf, pg 4, Agenda Item #III, B)*

Roxanne Ackermann asked where a list of upcoming high school events could be found; Principal Dingley informed the Committee a link to the events calendar was part of the signature line of all MVRHS emails.

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The meeting format was debated: it was asked if a hybrid model could continue for greater attendance/participation; others expressed they enjoyed the sense of community with everyone in the room. Nothing was finalized.

Asst. Superintendent Richie Smith said he was emailed by Dr. Elaine Cawley Weintraub, the co-founder of the Martha's Vineyard African American Heritage Trail. She asked for consideration to use buses for summer programming and did not expect a vote from tonight's meeting; Chair Houghton asked Ms. Kirk to include this on the TransSubCom agenda in June.

Ms. Kirk asked if there was a policy of how to acknowledge written communication from the public and how it should be addressed? Should we be reading the letter out loud? Mr. Watts suggested public acknowledgement that it was read, was maybe all that was needed. Members said there were many unknowns; a policy discussion to review timeliness in addressing receipt of correspondence was important to have at a future meeting.

Public Comment

(Agenda Item #VIII)

There was support expressed for both in-person meetings and the continued Zoom option for greater participation.

Clark Rattet asked if there were any anticipated amounts for the contingency? Ms. Cioffi said:

- \$92,000.00 was earmarked to hire one Education Support Professional (ESP) and one English Language Learner (ELL) as voted on October 6, 2021; nothing had been transferred to date. *(Please see document on file for details: Approved MVRHSC Minutes October 6, 2021 Meeting.pdf, pg 4, Agenda Item #IV, C)*
- The transfer of funds from the contingency expense line in the amount of \$66,200.00, to pay for services and the special permit needed to build the track, as voted on January 3, 2022 had been completed; she did not anticipate anything else at this time. *(Please see document on file for details: APPROVED MVRHSC Minutes January 3, 2022 Meeting.pdf, pg 7, Agenda Item #IV, A)*

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #IX)

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:07 PM;
KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Appendix A - Meetings/Events

- TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE – 8:00 AM, Thursday, May 5, 2022
- AISC – 6:30 PM, Thursday May 5, 2022
- FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE – 5:30 PM, Thursday, May 12, 2022
- MVRHS SC *Special Meeting* – 6:00 PM, Tuesday, May 17, 2022
- MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, June 6, 2022

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Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks:

NONE.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHS SC 5.2.22.pdf
- Agenda MVRHS SC 5.2.22.docx
- Agenda MVRHS SC 5.2.22 (1).pdf
- Goals and plans.pdf
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Mail - Fwd_ resignation letter.pdf
- MVRHS Regional Agreement revised vesion 04 26 2022.pdf
- Optional additional provisions.pdf
- MVRHS Regional Agreement revised vesion 04 26 2022 clean version.pdf
- MVRHS General Fund Expenditures 5.1.2022.pdf
- MVRHS General Fund Revenues 5.1.2022.pdf
- Revolving Accounts as of April 30, 2022.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT Minutes MVRHS SC MARCH 30_MSBA.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes April 4, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. B. HRR Resig_ May 31-2-2-2 (1).docx.pdf
- IV. B. Amy Crawford ltr.pdf
- IV. C. MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 05022022.docx
- IV. E. SWEAR - Out of State travel form.docx.pdf
- IV. F. PD Request.docx
- V. D. Revolving Accounts as of April 30, 2022.pdf
- V. A. MVRHS General Fund Revenues 5.1.2022.pdf
- V. A. MVRHS General Fund Expenditures 5.1.2022.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

June 27, 2022

Date

Amy Houghton – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

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