

THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 7, 2012

Members present: Cindy Henderson, *President*; Chad Edmonson, *Vice-President (call in)*; Jim Davidson, *Secretary*; Charles Brown; Michael Goggans *Past-President (call in)*; Meg Bartlett (*call in*); Kelly Brown, *PLUS President*; Orlando Hill, *MSMSAA President (call in)*; Rick Smith; Noelle Tune (*call in*)

Members not present: John Davis, *Treasurer*; Mickey Gousset; Melissa Grantham (*proxy*); Lydia Quarles; Deborah Gambrell-Chambers; John Robinson.

Guest present: Katie Carter and Joey Herring, *employees of MSMS*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Cindy Henderson called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guest.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the July 09, 2011 meeting were presented. Charles Brown moved to accept the minutes. Jim Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

With John Davis being absent, the Charles Schwab report will be presented at the next board meeting.

- Action Item: Jim Davidson will write a letter to Chip Edmonson adding board members as signatories.

Katie Carter presented the QuickBooks report. Rick Smith made a motion to accept the report with the discussed changes, Jim Davidson seconded. The motion passed.

- Action Item: Katie Carter will change the QuickBooks report to reflect the \$22,500 to be moved from Supplies to Contract Services.

Katie Carter announced the Foundation raised money in 2011 to match the Hardin Foundation Grant. Charles Brown stated we needed to give a big thanks to several board members who helped make this possible. Michael Goggans moved to accept the report, Rick Smith seconded. The motion passed.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Charles Brown acknowledged the growth of the Foundation has provided the school with much needed supplies and monetary help these past few years. For example, the two ARC grants updated the school's technology.

Academics at MSMS

The school started the school year with 255 students and currently has 237 enrolled. The attrition rate is larger than past years. The senior class is down to 117, starting at 118. The junior class is down to 121 after starting the year at 132.

Currently the senior class has 8 National Merit and 4 National Achievement semifinalist; 1 Siemens semifinalist (only one in state of MS); 1 AP award recipient; 6 AP scholars with distinction; 1 perfect SAT score; Early admission to the following universities: Yale (2 candidates total), and one candidate each to: Brown, Purdue, Boston College, Stanford, Georgia Tech, Carnegie Mellon, and Vassar; and 2 QuestBridge Scholars.

The school wants to start a skills camp for accepted students who are coming from low income school districts across the state to catch up on math, science, and reading before starting MSMS. Currently Dr. McConnell is looking at grants and funding sources.

Math/Science Day and Art/Humanities Day were brought back to campus three years ago. In upcoming years, the school is talking to the major universities in Mississippi to adopt these activities. With the universities taking over the activities, students will learn more about the universities and MSMS will save on costs of these events.

The school is also looking to try to increase professional development and conference attendances for teachers.

Activities at MSMS

The swim season ended with two students winning in the state wide competition: Aaron Ng won first place in his division and Wilhelm Liano won second place in his division. Cross country ended with Laurel Marsh winning first place in her division. Soccer is currently in session. The boys are at 4 wins and 3 losses and girls are at 3 wins and 4 losses.

Don Bratton ('02), science teacher, has restarted the fencing club. Currently 17 students are participating. The club is borrowing equipment from the university or students have purchased their own.

- Future discussion Item: The school might ask the Foundation to help purchase equipment. Total ask would be \$1700 to 2000.

Student Affairs at MSMS

The replacement of dorm furniture for main and all floor lobbies in both dorms is the top priority.

- Future discussion Item: The school might ask the Foundation to help purchase dorm lobby furniture. The total cost would be \$100,000.

Advancement Office at MSMS

The recruiter has been to 102 schools around the state. He has had 22 super nights with 5 more super nights scheduled in January. The advancement office is still looking for Interview Committee volunteers. Currently, the school has enough application review volunteers.

Executive Director's Office

Currently the budget looks like it will remain the same as this year, but until the legislative session ends in late April or early May the school will not know what the actual budget will be. In the past MSMS received \$5 million, but the last couple of years the budget is closer to \$4.3 million. With that in mind, the upcoming junior class enrollment might be reduced.

Upcoming dates on campus:

February 17	Application Deadline
March 3	Application Review
March 24	Interview
March 27	Make-up Interview
March 26 to April 4	Pilgrimage
April 14	Class Reunions (1992 and 2002)
	Open Foundation membership meeting
May 14	Honors Convocation
May 25	Senior Celebration Dinner (Hogarth Dining Hall)
May 26	Graduation (Rent Auditorium)

Jim Davidson made a motion to accept the school report. Chad Edmonson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Cindy Henderson stated the 2010 report is on the Foundation website. The report for 2011 should be ready in June by the time the accountant report is ready.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

Katie Carter presented a foundation report. Charles Brown made a motion to have a goal of raising \$50,000 for Goen (girl's dorm) lobby dorm furniture be an appeal to the alumni and post the progress between the classes on the website. Chad Edmonson seconded. The motion passed.

PLUS REPORT:

Kelly Brown presented the PLUS Report and stated PLUS had a new treasurer, Katherine Mallory. Rick Smith made a motion to accept the report. Jim Davidson seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The new website was presented to the board by Katie Carter. Jim Davidson made a motion to accept the website; Rick Smith seconded. The motion passed.

- Action Item: Katie Carter and Joey Herring will fix the link between www.msmsfoudation.org and www.msmsfoundation.com.

The board was awarded the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant. Joey Herring, school technology coordinator, stated all of the equipment is on campus and being used by students and faculty. Rick Smith made a motion to accept the report, Jim Davidson seconded. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charles Brown presented a proposal for open meetings. Jim Davidson made a motion for the board to follow the current procedures written in the Bylaws. A general membership meeting, which is highly publicized, will take place after the April board meeting. Rick Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Charles Brown made a motion to get meeting minutes out to all board members for approval within one week after the board meeting. Board Members have one week to approve, comment, or discuss minutes. At the end of two weeks after the board meeting, with no objections, the minutes will be placed on the website. Noelle Tune seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Charles Brown asked the board for approval to solicit and accept funds for a cargo trailer for the music department on behalf of the Foundation. The school has set a goal of \$5,000. Rick Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Katie Carter asked the board to approve spending money on Constant Contact, an outside email marketing vendor. Michael Goggans made the motion to accept the cost for one year and review in January 2013. Jim Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Charles Brown asked the board to budget \$3,500 for end of the school year awards and budget \$5,000 for academic competitions. Kelly Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A discussion occurred about board's supporting organization IRS designation status. Charles Brown made a motion that item be discussed by the executive committee after all of the information is collected. Jim Davidson seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Cindy Henderson stated the Foundation should have a plan of action for growth. Jim Davidson made a motion that Cindy Henderson work on a draft plan and present to the board at the next meeting. Chad Edmonson seconded. The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2012 at 10:00 and a general meeting will follow at 1:30. With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.