

Morgan Education Foundation  
Minutes – April 15, 2015 Morgan School District Office

Those in attendance were Diana Windley, D'Lynn Poll, Brenda Crossley, Neil Carrigan, Tim Wolff, Heidi Andreasen, Superintendent Doug Jacobs, Wade Murdock, Scott Deru, Kathy Markham, Kelly Wright, & Terry Allen.

Scott Duncan & Justin Weeks asked to be excused.

Diana welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35am.

Kelly Wright offered an invocation.

### Financial Report

D'Lynn Poll presented the financial report. The biggest change was in the Scholarship fund which has had many donations come in for their annual Scholarship Night.

The Foundation raised \$1980.00 in donations from fifteen individuals during the LoveUTGiveUT campaign in March. \$1891.45 has been deposited in the Foundation's account. D'Lynn is checking on \$1500.00 in matching funds that we should also receive. There was a discussion on where those funds should be allocated and Kelly recommended that we hold off making a decision until we know a total amount. All agreed that they should be directed to either Connections for Classrooms (technology fundraiser) or Classroom Grants, whichever fund is deemed to have the greatest need.

\$2250 was transferred from the General Programs fund to the Dollars for Scholars fund, as was voted on by the Board last month, to give each of the fifteen MHS Sterling Scholars \$150 in recognition for their efforts. The awards will be presented by Diana Windley & Scott Duncan at the Scholarship Awards Night on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Kelly Wright moved to accept the financial report and Scott Deru seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

### Governance Committee Report

Kelly Wright presented the revisions to the by-laws that were suggested at the March board meeting. The governance committee met after the last board meeting and felt that at least one additional meeting, possibly more, will be required to address all of the issues raised. They will meet on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to continue discussion and make more changes. They will then present the revised by-laws at the May board meeting for possible approval.

Kathy Markham asked about the relationship between the Foundation and the Scholarship Board and if that should be addressed in the by-laws. Kelly felt it was something that should be looked at. He suggested that we might want to add a partnership section to the by-laws. Kathy will provide the governance committee with a copy of the Scholarship Board's by-laws & Kelly will find the original agreement signed by both the Scholarship Board and the Foundation in approximately 2007 to review before their next committee meeting.

There was a discussion on what groups, clubs, teams, etc. should be allowed to apply for and receive grants from the Foundation. The issue was raised specifically regarding charter schools and the Morgan Mountain Biking Club. Many concerns were discussed in regards to checks and balances in use of funds, insurance liability issues, private inurement, and general concerns that could jeopardize our 501(c)3 status. It was unanimously agreed that Foundation funds should only be used to support groups, clubs,

teams, etc., that are officially sanctioned by Morgan School District or the UHSAA. The governance committee will see that this concern is addressed in either the by-laws or the policies and procedures.

### Golf Tournament

The Classroom Caddie Golf Tournament will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be emailed to participants the first of May. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Kathy Markham's home.

### Color Me Bright Color Run

It was decided to move the Fun Run to Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 to coincide with MHS Homecoming Week. Brenda Crossley proposed that we lower the cost of participating to \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. She shared the concerns that many students felt the previous cost was too high for them to participate. Differing opinions were given regarding whether the Fun Run is an event to raise funds or to get the Foundation's name out there and provide a fun community activity for minimal cost to families. Several ideas were given as ways to cut costs, including charging for color packets, making t-shirts optional, & finding more sponsors. More discussion & decisions will take place as the event gets closer.

### Technology Committee Report

Terry Allen was asked to submit a request for the Chromebook labs. He reminded the Board that he had already done so and it was emailed to each board member. Diana will pull that email so that D'Lynn can attach it to the issued check.

Scott Deru asked what the next greatest technology need was and Terry said it was to build up the stationary labs within the schools and also update the switches. He estimated the cost to complete these projects would be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

### Scholarship Board Update

Applications are due for Local Scholarships April 17<sup>th</sup>. Recipients will be selected on April 28<sup>th</sup> and Scholarship Awards night will be Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the MHS auditorium. Supt. Jacobs reported that the School Board meeting will be moved to 5:00-7:00pm that night so that board members can attend scholarship night.

That evening, the Scholarship Board will also be honoring all of the individual donors who have donated over \$10,000 in scholarships since the inception of the Scholarship Board in 1997. Their names will be placed on the plaque outside the Counseling Center.

### Principal Reports

#### Morgan Elementary School

Tim Wolff reported that testing has begun and they are excited to be able to use the new Chromebook Lab.

The Art Festival is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> and is growing and should be even more successful than last year. Principal Wolff anticipates that by next year they will have outgrown their venue and will need more support from the Foundation. The Eccles Foundation and the Kimball Arts Foundation are sponsoring the event this year.

#### Mountain Green Elementary School

Heidi Andreasen reported that SAGE testing begins on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will continue through May.

All grades have upcoming field trips and their annual Field Day is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>. She invited all board members to come participate in that fun event.

### Morgan Middle School

Terry Allen reported that the recently held Read-a-Thon was a great success. They have a great PTSO that is honoring teachers with Teacher Appreciation Week this week.

The new Chromebook lab will allow the Media Center to remain accessible to all students during testing. Principal Allen will be camping out on the roof of the school for 24 hours beginning Tues., May 27<sup>th</sup> if the students reach their Relay for Life goal.

Mr. Allen also recognized several of the teachers at MMS who have been working with Landon Streadbeck, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. They had been meeting with him on their own time & hadn't applied for any compensation. These teachers exemplify the caliber of teachers that we are fortunate to have in our district.

### Morgan High School

Wade Murdock reported that testing started this week and is going well. The Chromebook lab is set up in the Trojan Century Center.

Spring sports are winding down and graduation is set for May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at the Dee Events Center at WSU.

MHS was well represented at the Regional Sterling Scholar competition on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Courtney Fairbourn won for Computer Technology and Daryion Stuart won for Dance. Six other students were runners-up in their categories.

The FBLA is sponsoring a fundraising concert and carnival to benefit Lucinda Anderson, Marnie Christensen, & Landon Streadbeck who are all battling cancer. Marnie & Lucinda are school district employees and Landon is a student at MMS. The event will be Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at MHS beginning at 3:00pm.

Next year's Homecoming game is set for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Scott Deru moved to adjourn the meeting and D'Lynn Poll seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05am.

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30am.