

## MHS Senate Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Senator	Present	Absent	Senator	Present	Absent	Senator	Present	Absent
Kate Arnold	X		Shane Falk	X		Steve Kurr	X	
Chris Ashley	X		Ann Geocariss	X		Luke Patullo	X	
Karyn Baxter	X		Denise Herrmann	X		Clint Steigenberger	X	
Christie Cheng	X		Erin Hommowun		X			
Yining Dai	X		Jennifer Hurlbut	X				
Daniel Dennis	X		Julee Isenhower	X				
Molly Dowling	X		Mike Jones	X				

**Guest(s):** Parent Engagement Coordinator Lisa LeMieux, Jill Gurtner, MASH Principal, E School Principal and & Testing Coordinator

### INFORMATION / CONCERNS / UPDATES:

**MINUTES:** Approved minutes from 11/15 (taken by parent senator Ann Geocariss)  
Correction to 11/8 minutes: Senator Falk was present.

**Note:** Tuesday, 11/29/11 will be a committee meeting day. No regular meeting will be held that day.

**GUEST JILL GURTNER:**

**New Charter School:**

- The new charter school will open next year.
- It will be project & place based.
- Will start as a high school charter; could expand to middle school in the future.
- Project based curriculum:  
Group, individual or community
- Place based education:  
Connect to local community  
Re-engage learners about things they are passionate about  
Integrate comprehensive services  
MASH has done some of this historically  
Democratic participation by students
- Charter School (MASH is a charter school; the MASH charter is for 3 more years)  
Separate governance board; negotiates contract with the B.O.E.  
Charters have more flexibility
- Scheduling/Registration for next year:  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade; open to anyone  
There are places for 120 students.  
Current MASH students can stay; it is their choice.
- Process to get in:  
Slightly different process  
If there are more students applying than spaces there will be a lottery  
Founding members/current students can be allowed in for one year.
- The teacher contract goes through the next school year.  
Must follow the contract for next year.  
Teachers are working with the MEA
- MASH has been 'a safety net'  
Now looking to innovate
- Will the name change:  
Yes. Name not decided upon at this point.

**WKCE Testing:**

- When originally scheduled, the resource time seemed to be a good time to schedule the tests.
- Testing used to be on a CRT day; all day testing.
- We now have less CRT dates; need to use more resource times.
- The system this year was complicated and confusing.  
Staff really stepped up to help  
There was an amazing effort by staff and students to get it all worked out.
- WKCE will still exist next year. We don't know beyond that time.
- After Thanksgiving a small ad hoc committee will meet to plan to next year.

- **Examples: 2 A/C days – programming for other students**  
2 B/D days – make ups
- **The window for WKCE is 10/26 - 11/23**
- **Can this be done during Human Rights Week?**
- **Resource time is being used by students.**
- **Can it be done the first week of the new quarter?**
- **Balance A/C and B/D days.**
- **Do ½ A day (a.m.) and ½ A day (p.m.)**
- **Next year’s calendar is set except for CRT days.**
- **Principal Herrmann will check on the calendar before the committee meets.**
- **There will be 5 CRT dates again.**
- **Students with accomodations:**
  - Proctors: notify ahead of time**
  - Have more specific plan for student**
  - Involve Special Ed. teachers more/ case managers more**
- **Biggest issue: Not during D resouce time.**
- **The meeting will be early December.**

**Re: Charter School: Shared Leadership**

**11/29: Committees meet. School wide survey, Laude system. Senator Ashley has drafts for Laude system.**

**School wide survey done 3 years ago.**