



## **MSA Boosters Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Aug 14, 2024, 6pm**

### **Innovation Center (no Zoom)**

**Attendees: Melanie Abts, Swati Ghorpade, Sara Uribe, Alix Wilson, Chris Brandt, Susan Lindberg, Mariann Kline**

- (Melanie) **Welcome**
  - Melanie called the meeting to order at 6pm.
  
- (All) **Discuss/Determine Board and General Meeting Dates for '24-'25**
  - Consensus was reached in the meeting and via text with those not attending to hold meetings on 2nd Wednesdays, with every other meeting held as a general meeting. Dates will be (pending approval):
    - 9.11.24 (General) (This is an early-release day. Melanie looking into Chipotle dine-out).
    - 10.16.24 (pushed back due to Fall break) (Board only)
    - 11.13.24 (General)
    - 12.11.24 (Board Only)
    - 1.15.25 (General)
    - 2.12.25 (Board Only)
    - 3.19.25 (pushed back due to Spring break) (General)
    - 4.9.25 (Board Only)
    - 5.14.25 SMSA Awards @ Saguaro. Meet earlier in May for planning?

**\*NOTE: MSA Student board members will be invited to the first general meeting in order to get them involved with planning and promoting events and activities.**

- (Sara) **Treasurer Update; Grant Updates**
  - Sara gave the treasurer's report stating total bank balance of approx. 50K with exact details to be shared with the board via email.
  - One donation recently received was an employer match from Northrop Grumman of \$2,500.00
  - Additional funds still incoming from Fry's passive donation program.
  
- (Mr. Brandt, Mrs. Lindberg, Ms. Kline) **Staff update, events (see below), & needs from Boosters**
  - Due to recent SUSD website changes, MSA page was not visible to students and parents for much of the summer. It was recently restored, but usual application volume is down. Mr. Brandt asks that the MSA page and calendar be shared with

parents directly. The cohort teachers will also make an announcement to each class on parent night, looking to recruit more MSA members (particularly Freshmen). Freshman group has 68 kids, and goal is closer to 80. When pushing the program, bring up scholarship opportunities- last year's total \$\$\$ offered was \$9.5 million!

- Mr. Brandt is looking for more outreach ideas for recruiting efforts at middle schools. He will let booster parents know how they can assist.
  - More Tshirts are needed for the Sisters In Stem event. Mrs. Lindberg requests \$2,175.00 for this.
  - We may not participate in Cyber Patriots this year. Mr. Brandt is looking into it. Grants will be applied for, but CP would normally cost @\$3600.00. Sara will look into bylaws to see if CP funding can be put towards other initiatives if we don't participate.
  - Teachers could use some parent support at the Sisters in Stem event. Methods for recruiting parents were not discussed.
- **(All) Tax credit campaign - launch timing, distribution channels, messaging/outreach**
    - Alix to print 100 copies of Jackie's letter to have available at 8.21 open house and Sisters in Stem event.
    - The question was raised whether to include employer matching information in the letter.
  - **(Melanie) Events - i.e., Welcome event, other fall events**
    - MSA informational session starts at 7:45 PM on 8.21 after Meet the Teacher wraps. Swati, Alix, and possible other board members to attend.
    - Mr. Brandt suggested a Chipotle dine-out on 9.11, an early release day and the day of the first general MSA Booster meeting.
    - Melanie has offered to host the welcome party at her home. A tentative date of 9.14 was discussed, timing is 4-6 PM. Fry's catering could be purchased and families would be encouraged to bring drinks and desserts.
      - Alix and Swati will brainstorm games/ice breaker activities to encourage mingling.
    - An outdoor movie night was suggested for the Fall. The large tv could be set up in the quad. Maybe sell candy/popcorn/drinks?
    - **Upcoming Academic Events**
      - Microchip Masters at the Scottsdale Princess- weeklong event
      - AZ Robotic League Competition weekend of 8.17.24
      - Sisters in Stem on 9.21.24
      - FRC State Championship in robotics- 9.27 and 9.28

**\*ACTION: Melanie requested a blurb from the teachers about each of these events that can be added to the newsletter.**

- (Swati) **2024-2025 MSA Booster plans - carryover item from spring!**
  - Booster leadership - Board positions; We're currently recruiting:
    - Fundraising/Events chair
    - Parent rep for Freshman class
    - Parent rep for Sophomore class
    - Parent rep for Junior class
    - Parent rep for Senior class
    - Student board rep responsible for social media/student comms

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'24-'25 Dates confirmed by MSA Leadership:

8/21/2024	6 PM-9 PM	Saguaro and IC	Sag/MSA Open House
9/21/2024	10 AM -Noon	Quad and IC	Sisters in STEM
12/7/2024	7 AM-5 PM	IC/Gyms/Calf/200	FLL Qualifier
12/8/2024	TBD	Chase Field	Diamondbacks Event
1/3/2025	6 PM-9 PM	300 Build	FRC Workshops
1/4/2025	7 AM - 11 AM	Auditorium/IC	FRC Kickoff
4/5/2025	Noon - 2 PM	Quad and IC	STEAM Showcase
5/14/2025	6 PM-9 PM	Quad and IC	SMSA Awards

\*Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM