

**MVSA Meeting
June 10, 2014
Agenda**

1. Call to order
 - a. President's Welcome & Introductions
 - b. Highlights – Kinder Sneak Peak, Letter Reward, Promotion
 - c. Headlights – Summer break, Reserved dates
 - d. Motion for approval of prior minutes
2. Teachers' update
3. Principal's update
4. Treasurer & budget update
5. Committee updates
6. Old business
 - a. Survey results
 - b. Doc cams and projectors
7. New business
 - a. Next year – handling field trips & donations,
 - b. Next year – major dates
 - c. Next year – approve classroom donation amount
8. Adjourn – Next meeting on September 9, 2014

MVSA 2013-14 Highlights

- Dozens of student, class, and teacher appreciation celebrations!
 - Financial donations & rewards given to teachers to enhance their classrooms!
 - Matched funds raised for school library!
 - Funded another year of the computer lab and staff (Thanks Ms. Nagata)!
 - Supplied all students with school-spirited Friday Folders for homework!
 - Fully funded the purchase & installation of a new LED marquee
 - Held several campus clean-up events!
 - Sponsored e-waste recycling event!
 - Helped bring the Golden Sneaker Contest to Mission Valley!
 - Funded the Accelerated Reading Program and Scholastic Weekly Readers for all classes that requested them!
 - A great yearbook to preserve all the memories for the students!
 - Coordinated several successful school-wide events including the Jog-A-Thon, the Halloween Carnival, Letter Reward Picnics, and more!
 - Hosted Family Game Nights and Family Movie Night!
 - And much much more!
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Tentative Dates for MVSA events in 2014-2015

- 2nd Tuesday each month – MVSA meeting
- 2nd Friday each month – MUR reserved for Family event
- 08/27/14 – Back to School (Welcome reception)
- 08/27/14 – Donation drive kickoff (end 9/30)
- 09/27/14 – Clean-Up Day (Green Apple)
- 10/25/14 – Halloween Carnival (at MSJE)
- 11/15/14 – Multicultural Fair
- 03/28/15 – Clean-Up Day
- 03/30/15 – Jog-A-Thon
- 05/06/15 – Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 06/04/15 – Letter Reward Picnic
- 06/08/15 – Sixth Grade Promotion Party
- 06/11/15 – Last Day of School

MVSA Lessons Learned for 2013-2014

Strengths & Weaknesses

Activity	Weakness	Average	Strength
Campus Beautification	5%	10%	86%
Class Celebrations	0%	38%	62%
Computer Lab	0%	24%	76%
Disaster Preparedness	0%	50%	50%
F.A.M.E.	10%	50%	40%
Family Socials	0%	24%	76%
General Fundraisers	14%	71%	14%
Halloween Carnival	0%	33%	67%
Jog-A-Thon	0%	29%	71%
Letter Reward Picnic	0%	29%	71%
MVSA Budget	0%	61%	39%
MVSA Communications	9%	18%	73%
MVSA Meetings	5%	50%	45%
MVSA Membership Drive	5%	50%	45%
Safety Patrol	14%	48%	38%
School Supply Kits	33%	50%	17%
Science Camp	6%	47%	47%
Staff Appreciation	0%	47%	53%
Web site & technology	17%	28%	56%
Weekly Reader	10%	30%	60%
Yearbook	16%	37%	47%

Improving from last year?

Activity	Worse	Same	Better
Campus Beautification	0%	14%	76%
Class Celebrations	10%	48%	29%
Computer Lab	0%	57%	29%
Disaster Preparedness	0%	50%	40%
F.A.M.E.	5%	50%	40%
Family Socials	0%	5%	81%
General Fundraisers	0%	48%	33%
Halloween Carnival	0%	43%	43%
Jog-A-Thon	0%	67%	19%
Letter Reward Picnic	0%	67%	19%
MVSA Budget	0%	61%	33%
MVSA Communications	0%	14%	68%
MVSA Meetings	0%	25%	55%
MVSA Membership Drive	5%	35%	45%
Safety Patrol	29%	33%	19%
School Supply Kits	17%	56%	11%
Science Camp	0%	76%	12%
Staff Appreciation	0%	37%	58%
Web site & technology	6%	28%	67%
Weekly Reader	0%	60%	30%
Yearbook	0%	63%	21%

Modify Budget

Activity	Spend less	Same	Spend more
Campus Beautification	0%	76%	19%
Class Celebrations	10%	86%	0%
Computer Lab	0%	43%	52%
Disaster Preparedness	0%	85%	15%
F.A.M.E.	20%	60%	20%
Family Socials	5%	38%	48%
Halloween Carnival	0%	81%	14%
Jog-A-Thon	0%	90%	0%
Letter Reward Picnic	0%	76%	19%
MVSA Communications	0%	86%	9%
MVSA Meetings	5%	90%	0%
MVSA Membership Drive	0%	85%	15%
Safety Patrol	0%	52%	38%
Science Camp	0%	65%	47%
Staff Appreciation	0%	100%	5%
Web site & technology	0%	94%	17%
Weekly Reader	0%	90%	15%
Yearbook	5%	84%	11%

MVSA Lessons Learned for 2013-2014

What else should we be doing?

1. Provide annual budget vs. spending categories to the members.
2. Food truck fundraiser on Back to School or Open House? In-N-Out burger? Jamba juice?
3. The weekly music & movement class and performance coming up in June is really great. I hope this will be a continuous program.
4. Hopkins and msjhs have a yahoo group with daily email. I would even love a weekly email. I never get info from school. I never heard anything from the principal about what was happening.
5. Some kind of alternative arrangement would be better at the crosswalks, so that the kids need not do the safety patrol duty.
6. Parents only social fundraisers. I know PTAs that organize mom only parties, parents only parties. These parties have good food dance other type of entertainment. These are held 4 times a year and they raise a lot of funds.
7. Just an idea / suggestion: When my daughters went to school in Hayward, they had a beginning of the year picnic. It was a way for families to meet each other, make new friends, reconnect with old friends, perhaps meet some staff members. Since parents "camp out" on campus to see the class lists, we could have a picnic on the field that day. MVSA could provide barbecued hot dogs and burgers. Families could be assigned to bring either a salad, fruit or dessert, depending on the first letter of their last name.
8. Active email communications. Parents groups. Avenues for parents and teachers to communicate.
9. Spend the money wisely on essential things for the kids, teachers and school. I personally feel the money spent on bag hooks outside the classrooms is hardly used by kids. Wish it was spent that money on disaster preparedness instead. Just a feedback. Not sure of the difficulties at your end, though.

Other Comments:

1. Thank you for all activities.
2. Greatly appreciated. Awesome!
3. MVSA is doing a great job!
THANKS!
4. Great improvements! It's a lot of time and work for all of you and we appreciate! Having the extra gift cards from the beginning of the year contest greatly helped! I was able to get my supplies, pizza, and ice cream without digging into my own pockets. It would be nice to have that contest again and give a percentage back to the classroom. Have a great summer! Big thanks, MVSA!!!!
5. What is "weekly reader?". More focus on getting parents to join MVSA
6. I think we still need to work on communication between all groups within our campus.
Example: This year I do not think any of the MVSA Board Members, Chairpersons, or volunteers within the committees received invitations for the Volunteer Tea.
THANK YOU all for volunteering!!
7. Our teachers, staff at the office are all cooperative, and I am so proud of having such a good school in the neighborhood.
8. MVSA, you all are doing a GREAT job, being communicative, creative, energetic, and always open to new people and ideas!!!
9. Thank you for being open to trying new things and not just doing everything the same every year. It's nice to have certain traditions, like the Halloween Carnival and Jog-a-thon, but it's nice to have new activities like the campus clean up. I like the idea of more community service like the campus clean up because it ties in with the eight great traits. Thanks a lot for all your hard work!!!
10. Is there a way to donate for both MVSA and Jogathon at the beginning of the year or have it noted on the donation page so the treasure can track in-coming funds to the proper category? It would save on transaction fee for MVSA. We don't solicit Jogathon donation but donate again.
11. The write up system may not be suitable for many kids especially boys. They miss their Friday fun day due to write up where the recess is needed to release their energy. The color code of daily behavior is good to learn but I don't think write up is required.
12. You guys did a really good job this year. I like the idea of trying new things even if some of them didn't work.
13. If voting for many decisions and resolutions is made online also, just like your email communications, I think there will be more parent awareness and involvement