

MASC Executive Board & Health and Social Issues Forums – Minutes

Saturday, February 24, 2018, Northwood High School (Montgomery County)

Synopsis: The February Executive Board Meeting was held on February 24th at Northwood High School. Three educational forums were presented regarding Sexual Assault, Four Diamonds (childhood cancer), and the LGBTQ Community. The Executive Board received the chance to learn in depth about these topics. A Staff/Regional discussion was held to talk about current layout of positions and the changes that are to be proposed for next year.

- I. **Call to order:** MASC Executive Board Meeting was held at the Northwood High School on February 24, 2018, hosted by Montgomery County Councils. The meeting convened at 10:06 AM, Grace Wu presiding, and Krisha Patel, secretary
- II. **Approval of agenda:** Motion made to approve the Agenda. Motion passed. Agenda Approved at 10:07am
- III. **Approval of minutes:** Motion made to approve the minutes of the October executive board meeting (the December meeting was canceled due to weather issues). Motion passed. Minutes Approved at 10:07
- IV. **FORUMS**
 - A. **Sexual Assault:** Ms. Meadows (guidance counselor) spoke during the educational forums regarding sexual assault targeting the main types of sexual assault being relationship violence, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, drug facilitated sexual assault. The forums began with discussing 10 statements labeling each as a myth or a fact and saying why. After the discussion many facts were presented regarding different types of sexual assault. After viewing the different types of sexual assault, 8 scenarios were presented to 8 different tables to determine the type of assault and the solutions. From those scenarios we viewed how those scenarios could be viewed in daily lives from a 7News video clip.
 - B. **Four Diamonds:** "Conquering Childhood Cancer" three representatives from Four Diamonds spoke to the delegation regarding their organization and how the money raised is spent. Four Diamonds strives to provide children with cancer and their families emotional, mental, and physical support. 70% of the money raised goes towards innovative research to find more cures for cancer. Many statistics were given on how cancer can impact your everyday life and resources were provided to bring a MINI-thon (fundraising event) to your schools
 - C. **LGBTQ+Students:** school psychologist from Montgomery County to talk about the LGBTQQIAA(A)PP2SGNC community. There are many "genders" that a person can be and are not limited to just one. Gender identity is based off what your doctor assigns you, how you feel on the inside, how you present yourself, and how the world sees you. Two videos were shown to display how a person wants to express themselves but when they do the world perceives themselves
- V. **Officer and state SMOB Report**
 - a) **President- Grace Wu:** part of the Maryland Page Program, testified on HB251, and is planning MASC women's leadership forum
 - b) **1st VP- Joshua Omolola:** attended FCASC to get more involvement, PGRASG events, got regional president t-shirts
 - c) **2nd VP- Grace Herron:** had calls with all 2nd VP's and planning a combined call with Josh
 - d) **Treasurer- Bryce Awono:** finalist for State SMOB, had a meeting with State's Attorney, will attend Advocacy week, and was on many officer calls
 - e) **State SMOB- Kyle Smith:** ESSA plan was approved by US Department of Education, the use of robots in schools to help student not fall behind, visit to eastern shore, and the next advisory council meeting is March 10th
- VI. **Executive staff reports**
 - a) Chief of staff-Noureen Badwi: attended LEAD conference, presented at legislative session, and created staff reflections and discussion

- b) Communications Director- Ruben Amaya: attended various conferences, created a campaign to give students not inn SGA a voice, and wants to continue to reach out to all regions
- c) Communications Deputy- Annette Moukury: wasn't able to present
- d) Special Issues Director- Margaret Foulkes: not preent
- e) Operations Director-Melody Zhang and Debuty- Chad Leo: trained and presented workshops and working with the department to keep the meeting efficient
- f) Corresponding Secretary- Maleah Smith: not present
- g) Central Divisional Liaison- Pranav Tadikonda (Avery Klein - not present): attended conferences and promoted involvement in areas with low numbers
- h) Eastern Divisional Liaison- George Nickels, Sabrina Rusch: not present
- i) Southern Divisional Liaison- Jesse Harris Jr., Marie Moukoury: planned a Southern Maryland Leadership Conference and will continue to reach out to nonmember schools
- j) Western Divisional Liaison- Delanie Blubaugh: working to create a MASC women's conference with Grace and wants to have the western region involved
- k) Environmental Affairs- Morgan Jones, Jason Wu: not present
- l) Evaluations Coordinators- Mary Kumcheva, Alex Rawlett: not present
- m) Forums Coordinators-Carlos Eldridge Jr., Ananya Tadikonda: been contacting speakers for educational forums, attending local schools to find common problems between different schools
- n) Historians- Brandon Hill, Adele Williams, Brie Holder: attended various conferences, polaroid project at convention, and the end of the year slidehow for June
- o) Parliamentarians- Nick Getz, Will Anderson: attended various SGA events and planning for advocacy day
- p) Publications Coordinator- Dani Frye: not present
- q) Recording Secretary- Krisha Patel: attended and presented at various event, visited local middle schools to get their input on problems, and planning for junior/senior prom
- r) State Charity Coordinators- Sydney Neal, Rida Dhanani: sent out reminders for item collection and are looking for people to help make the bags at convention
- s) SLACers- Alexis Lepe (Taharat Sheikh - not present): attended various SGA events and conferences, created bill stances (4/5 passed)
- t) STC- Jordyn Best (Kristina Holsapple and Alex Erhunmwuse - not present): attending various SGA events and created innovative workshops
- u) Web Master- Tony Prouxl (left early): wasn't able to present
- v) School Safety liaisons- Nick Asante, Lucas Tarbell: 17 second moment of silence for shootings; talked to Dr. Salmon, opposed to arming teachers, school walk-outs

VII. Regional Reports

- a) ACASC: created Student Led Youth Health Forum and held a sock drive
- b) FCASC: expanding numbers and increased voter registration
- c) PGRASG: wasn't able to present
- d) MCR-MCJC: SMOB elections, Mental Health Forum
- e) CCASC: MD polar plunge, attended various middle schools to help smooth the transition
- f) SMASC: MYAC, trying to increase participation, and collecting items for FINISHSarcoma
- g) Rest of the regions didn't have a presentation

VIII. Unfinished Business- none

IX. New Business

- a) Unsung Hero Award: discussion and selection – outcome a secret!!
- b) Spontaneous Legislation:
 1. (17/18 EB-21): proposed by Chad Leo: MASC supports the efforts of the "March For Our Lives" rally and it's organization
 - points made: the rally will be on Saturday, so won't effect school times
 - *Motion made to approve the legislation. Motion passed at 2:30*

X. Staff/ Regional President Discussion

- a) Is there one preferred way of communication?

- Group me is better then remind and texting is preferred over email
- b) Could the Forums position be added to possibly the Special Issues Director Position?
 - Reason: after the educational forums meeting, the Forums coordinators don't have anything to do
 - Reason Against: the Forums Director position requires a lot of time and dedication that requires its own position
- c) Many like the layout of 2 SLACers and a committee
- d) Other positions can add a committee if they want – not appointed through President
- e) Add more divisional liaisons to make it easier to get around to the different schools
- f) Have 2 recording secretaries to ease the load of work
- g) Only 2 Charity Coordinators so it doesn't get hectic
- h) Directors: some positions should fall under Chief of Staff because they don't require a director (parliamentarians, historians, webmaster); on the other hand having directors makes the staff layout faster an efficient
- i) Directors and chief of staff need training and clear guidelines

XI. Comments

- Keep time for yourself
- Check emails
- National Student Council Conference – see website (Events and Conferences)
- Region 2 Conference – information now on website (Events and Conferences)
- Strong Schools Advocacy Day on March 13th

XII. Adjournment: *motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed at 3:05 PM*

Minutes submitted by Krisha Patel