

## Meeting Minutes

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mr. Harris thanked all participants for attending

Later start than usual –We wanted to meet after Superintendent Laurence's training

Acknowledged increased participation from previous years

Why are we here?

- To provide a voice to and solicit input from various stakeholders
- To avoid tunnel vision and balance institutional priorities
- To generate ideas to improve the school through short- and long-term goals

Introductions

### **Administrative Updates**

NJROTC-

NJROTC held their annual inspection last Wednesday, earning an overall Outstanding grade and receiving high praise for their efforts in cadet leadership, participation, and community service. Our ROTC staff and cadets are instrumental in support athletic event parking, Veterans Day and Military Appreciation events, and other community events. ROTC cadets will be participating in various Veterans Day events throughout the District and Community this week, so we want to acknowledge and thank them for everything they do.

Employee Recognition

We recently recognized our Teacher of the Year, GEM (giving even more), and First Year Teacher of the Year awards. Mr. Julio Avila, Spanish Teacher, was named Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Katherine Barrett, one of our wonderful special education aides was named the GEM award winner, and Mr. Richard Wilson, a History and Social Studies teacher was named First Year Teacher of the Year.

SAT

We recently held the Weekend SAT, with over 80 students participating in the Weekend SAT administration

Performing Arts

Jacket Regiment recently competed at the SCBDA State Marching Band Championships, earning their highest rating in 4a State competition and finishing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 16 4A finalist. Thanks to Mr. Deen, director, Mr. Gaddy, assistant director, and all of our performing arts staff, parents, and supporters on a very exciting marching band competition season that included Grand Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> in class, and superior ratings at the Midland Valley High School Mustang Classic as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Overall Grand Champion, and the highest score of all bands at the Silver Bluff High Silver Spirit Invitational.

Three students were selected for the Midlands Regional Orchestra, auditioning and earning chair positions for the coveted performing ensemble.

Fritz Rowell, a former student, was named as one of the drum majors for the Clemson University Marching Band.

## **Athletics**

### **Football**

Varsity football completed their Season against Greenwood High Friday night, finishing with a 7-4 record. Many players have received regional and statewide recognition and will be representing the football program in local all-star games and events. We'd like to thank Coach Bush, his staff, the players, parents, and booster club members for supporting the program and having a wonderful season. We'd also like to thank and acknowledge our Jacket Regiment for their wonderful support at the games and hyping up our crowd.

### **Tennis**

Ladies Tennis made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the playoffs, defeating Greenwood High School and competing against Indian Land High School.

### **Swim**

Over a dozen swimmers qualified for the SCHSL State Swim Meet.

### **Cyber Patriot**

Cyber Patriot competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of this year's CyberPatriot competition. 3 of the 4 teams ranked in the top 10% nationally and moved on to round 2.

### **MTU Girls Day**

12 of our female students participated in the MTU Girls Day at the Rolls Royce Solutions plant and enjoyed a day full of STEM centered activities. These events encourage female students to pursue studies and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

### **Culinary Arts**

Culinary Arts students have begun preparing and packaging take home meals for school staff, with proceeds from the sales going to supporting the culinary program and future culinary projects and events. Students have prepared butter chicken, steak and potato, calzones, and other various meals for purchase.

### **Staffing**

NAHS and many other local schools are struggling with staffing. Please encourage anyone interested in employment to view the school district website for openings or contact ACPSD Human Resources directly.

Parents and students were surveyed and asked for input concerning

- Academic calendar
- Block Scheduling
- New lunch programs

Chair / Co-Chair recommendations were solicited – interested parties should speak to Mr. Harris

Future meeting time discussed