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**STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT**

**Minutes – Tuesday, November 11, 2013**

1. **ATTENDANCE**

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| **Name** | **Title/Position** | **Present** |
| **Jad Gore** |  | **No** |
| **Carey Ballard** | **President** | **Yes** |
| **Tayla Newman** | **Vice President** | **Yes** |
| **Bridget Berrigan** | **Secretary** | **Yes** |
| **Jehanne McCullough** | **Secretary of Academic Affairs** | **Yes** |
| **Rhyshem Bagley** | **Secretary of Dorm Affairs and Comm.** | **Yes** |
| **Kristin Williams** | **Senior SBG Class Representative** | **Yes** |
| **Chaz Seremeth** | **Junior SBG Class Representative** | **Yes** |
| **Caroline DeLaCruz** | **Sophomore SBG Class Representative** | **Yes** |
| **Anna Wood-Jacobowitz**  | **Freshman SBG Class Representative** | **Yes** |
| **Mr. Nolan** | **SBG Sponsor** | **Yes** |
| **Visitors** | **Lori Bonheyo** | **Yes** |

1. **MEETING LOCATION**

**Board Room**

1. **MEETING Call to Order – 10:56 am**

1. **READING OF MINUTES**
	1. **N/A**
2. **OFFICERS REPORT**

**President Ballard:**

* I was meeting with Kevin Strachan last Wednesday, to clarity on Bilingualism issues. The meeting ended with a great outcome. We will continue working on adding course of ASL & Deaf Studies, it will take time.
* I also meeting with Lori Bonheyo on Thursday to discuss serval issues. Lori and, I was throwing some ideas how to improve Cafeteria's line system since students felt that lunch was too short. We discuss on Judicial Board, Lori Bonheyo explained that Judicial Board wasn't practiced as that suppose to be, also there's serval issues with Judicial Board in the past. I also explained to Lori that students need more acknowledge on their rights, for an example: student have right to bring friend or teacher to the meeting with behavior specialist related on accusation issues.
* On the Friday, I shown up Board of Trustee's room & they was thrilled to hear my activist topic, "Bilingual-Bicultural." Bottom line, I explained to Board of Trustee that MSD should add Bicultural as one of MSD's Education methods. I explain them that it's really important for staffs & faculty to acknowledge with Deaf Culture. It's really important for them to know so that they can adjust classroom with Deaf friendly. For an example, some teacher design students' desk into two rows which it hard for us to look another student behind where we sit at the first row, that's very sensitive to deaf students. I also explain them, would be nice if we ask, Professional of Deaf Culture to come MSD & give a presentation to students, staffs, & faculty about deaf culture in the school. If we make this happening, we can officially being calling "bicultural" as one of our methods along with bilingual. Most of Board of Trustee agreed with me, I haven't know what's result yet, will let you all know ASAP.
* My discussion on Bilingualism with Board of Trustee was similar to my meeting with Principal Strachan.

**Vice President Tayla:** No report

**Secretary Berrigan:** No report

1. **OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES, and SPONSOR REPORTS
Secretary of Academic Affairs McCullough:** No report

**Secretary of Dorm Affairs and Communication Bagley:**

* Will soon meet with Alex Simmons about setting up GoogleAds.

**Senior SBG Class Representative Williams**: No report

**Junior SBG Class Representative Seremeth:** No report

**Sophomore SBG Class Representative DeLaCruz:** No report

**Freshman SBG Class Represetnative Wood-Jacobowitz:** No Report

**SBG Sponsor Nolan:**

* The Homecoming Wrap-Up meeting we were supposed to have last week was postponed to tomorrow Wednesday November 13th at 11:30am in the Board Room.  Carey and Tayla, please be sure to attend the meeting with us.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* We are working on extending the time period for lunch. This will take some time to be able to follow up on.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
* **President Ballard:** Please hand in your new business to me 24 hours before we start our weekly meeting.
* **Weebly:** Students feel that teachers should post every worksheet, etc. that their classes work on, so that when one is absent he/she will not have to go out of their way to contact the teacher to give in make-up work.

Our agreement: Students should be responsible to talk with their teacher about this issue themselves firsthand. Talking to the SBG as the first choice is an unnecessary first step.

Unanimous vote, 8-0-0

* **Jehanne McCullough:** Hearing Staff should be taught sufficient ASL and understanding of deaf culture for their jobs at a deaf school.

Unanimous Vote: 8-0-0

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
* Basketball season has started!
1. **MEETING ADJOURNED – 11:30 AM**