

## SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 7, 2007, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

After the meeting was called to order and roll was taken (five Board Members present), Vincent Ward delivered an inspiring invocation, and Denise Kennemer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Branscum said that the physical moves of the Finance and Student Services departments have been completed. We believe this will help to facilitate enrollment.

Several summer projects are progressing appropriately. We hope to have the majority completed by the time classes begin.

Dr. Branscum said he visited with Mr. Sturdivant, who is still weak and continues to recover.

Dr. Branscum informed everyone that MTC employee Alvin Zitterkob lost his home in a fire the day before. He said that Mr. Zitterkob is a very dedicated, ethical MTC employee. In fact, Mr. Zitterkob was at work today. Dr. Branscum and Dr. Vincent suggested that if there are those who would like to help Mr. Zitterkob, they consider sending their donations to the Foundation.

Dr. Branscum said that Mr. Wright had asked if he could share some information with everyone. Mr. Wright said last Thursday he visited with a soldier who was back from Iraq for two weeks of R & R. Mr. Wright said he also spent the weekend in Houston visiting with his grandson who, also, is back for two weeks of R & R. Mr. Wright said the troops are doing an outstanding job. He said that his grandson is stationed near the Iranian border with two teams, totaling 28 people. They are responsible for 400 square miles. The grandson reported that the Iraqis in that area have great respect for the American soldiers. Mr. Wright said that the American soldiers are doing a great job while enduring some hardships, including water and food shortages. Dr. Branscum agreed that the soldiers are doing a great job and said we thank all of our service men and women for the dedication they have to serve our country and others and their desire to make the world more peaceful.

MetroQuest Report - Dr. Vincent said Liz Guerrero's son, Christopher, has recently been sent to Iraq. She then reported on MetroQuest activities.

Dr. Vincent said they continue to work on the Baldrige application, and plans are to submit the application next May. She said many wonderful things are happening, including plans for innovative projects and activities. They visited earlier today about new programs. In the health area, they want to add Biomedical Technology, a Project Lead the Way<sup>®</sup> program. They are discussing the possibility of recruiting 10<sup>th</sup> graders. They continue to work on the 1+1 RN program. Hopefully, that area can be expanded. Deborah Kamphaus said they are piloting a program to allow high school students to enter the Practical Nursing program and have one or two students who are ready to enter the program. This could lead to more opportunities for high school students next school year.

Dr. Branscum mentioned that OSU-OKC is offering programs for MTC students and staff at the Springlake Campus one night per week, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Crooked Oak wants their students to participate and plans to transport them.

Dr. Vincent said newly hired MTC employee Edna Carment is working with the safety/water division of city of Oklahoma City to develop and provide training to their employees.

Recognition of Career and Technology Student Organization (CTSO) national competition participants and office holders – Dr. Branscum said this is a time when we honor our students and their parents for the students' accomplishments. Patricia Hudson shared information regarding CTSO participation. She said they had a large increase in the number of students who attended nationals this year, from 22 last year to 28 this year. They experienced an 11% increase in adult CTSO membership this year over last year. This is the first year since 1996 that MTC had a high school group qualify for National HOSA. For the second straight year, students from the Beauty Academy qualified for nationals. The number of HOSA students who placed in the top five at state increased by 27% this year over last year. Mrs. Hudson said it was a very exciting year.

Site Directors introduced faculty and students. Everyone expressed their appreciation of the Board and administration for the opportunity for the students to participate in the national events. The students were especially appreciative of the financial support, including meal reimbursement.

Dr. Branscum thanked everyone involved in allowing MTC's students to learn, but especially to MTC's faculty members because without their excellent instruction, students could not learn. Dr. Branscum also thanked the parents for supporting their children.

Dr. Vincent thanked each of the parents for supporting their young persons and for allowing them to come to MTC. She said that we love their kids. She invited the parents to send their other children to MTC.

Ms. McKinney commended the instructors and all of the participants.

Items approved by the Board:

- Minutes of the July 17, 2007, Regular Board Meeting

- SOAR Tech Prep grant for FY 2008

- Donation from Ford Motor Company of an E-150 Ford Cargo Van

- Budget Transfers

- District Level Compliance Officer for Students

- Two months payment for September and October 2007 to the Oklahoma City Department of Airports for the Aviation Career Campus original facility and expansion

- Contract with IC Systems to assist with collection of past due student tuition

- Personnel Items

- Encumbrances and Purchasing Items

- FY 2008 classified negotiated agreement