

MCHE Board Meeting  
8/27/2022

Meeting called to order by Catherine at 10:05 AM

Members present:

Catherine Tuzek  
Adedagdo Ngozi—new member of MCHE  
Scott Koenig  
David Johnson  
Nick Orłowski  
Tamara Shreiner  
Nadine Hall  
Jana Pisani  
Jim McConnell  
Dick Cooley

(Did I miss anyone?)

MDE Update: Scott K.—Nick and Scott, U.S. Presidential Scholars, waiting for Feds for more info on nominations—this is the only scholarship opportunity from the Feds.

Fall Series—Comprehensive History Update—Info not shareable. There will be a Webinar series.

September 14, 21, 28—next webinars, 4-5 PM. When it becomes official, Scott will share.

600 interested.

API space—3 part—MSU. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, one presentation, Library of Michigan—resource sharing—specific. Learning spaces—MEL

Winter-Spring series—Jan-June. Every month a webinar. This info will be out in December. Policy is stalled due to discussion over implementation of “Personal Finance” standards. Info upcoming—local choice on implementation. Most schools are already doing Personal Finance. Look at Guide.

Constitution Day coming up. Info on a “chat”—schools have to register what they did on that day.

Inquiry-based learning is important.

MDE is pushing social justice—implemented in History and Social Studies—build community in the classroom. “Is the classroom bringing joy?” Inclusion of everyone.

Tammy—P.D.—MCHE—October—Civic Literacy. Implement in the classroom. 15 teachers will be paid to take this PD. Funded by MI Humanities Council.

Teaching Black History Conference—upcoming.

Scott K.—how to support in the classroom? A more uniform effort—need a 3<sup>rd</sup> party effort—not MDE. “Train the Trainers”?

Tammy—hard to get teachers to sign up—biggest problem—only one way to advertise—need to do a better job getting the word out about PD

Scott—admitted the problem in getting teachers to sign up. Scott expressed a desire to join in on PD.

Catherine—how about Detroit Public? Detroit has been working hard but it has communication problems as well, although DPS is interested in going state-wide with PD. DPS definitely on-board, but not totally open in sharing, similar to MDE. Catherine will do what she can to open up communication.

Scott K.—some misunderstanding in implementing standards—some teachers still do not know what C3 is—especially in regards to Inquiry-based learning.

Secretary’s Report—last meeting’s minutes were approved unanimously. Moved by Jim McConnell, seconded by Catherine.

Catherine paused the meeting to ask what constitutes a quorum. Tammy responded, after referring to the online version of the MCHC Constitution, that there is no mention of what constitutes a quorum

Treasurer’s Report—no update. David Zwart will be asked for an update via email.

Off agenda—Tammy said that the constitution requires a Secretary and Webmaster. Jim McC concurred—need to fill those positions.

Dave Johnson agreed to be the new Webmaster. He will need to talk to the outgoing Webmaster.

Tammy and Catherine both commented that new members need to be involved in the work of the board. Catherine agreed to contact some members. Recent resignations—Kailie, Brenda and Marty.

Jim McC said that MCHE should offer a stipend for the Executive Director and President to attend the NCHE conference next March. He recommended a \$250 or \$300 stipend for each person. Acknowledgement that that amount would not pay for all the expenses. Maybe the offer could be extended to other board members, e.g. Nick and Michelle since they did not have the opportunity due to the Pandemic and cancellation of the NCHE conferences in the last few years.

Catherine suggested that Jim's motion be tabled until the next board meeting in December. Jim agreed, motion tabled. At that time the board could vote by email, if necessary.

New member—Chika Ngozi, teacher at Robeson-Malcolm X Academy in Detroit. At this point in the meeting everyone introduced themselves to Chika.

Website Communication—with Scott D onto his new university position, Dave Johnson is now the temporary webmaster.

Tammy—PD update—Tammy and Nadine—“Historical Literacy for Civic Learning”—3 history profs will participate. Low sign up so far in August so the PD was postponed until October. The flier is on the MCHE website. There are 15 openings for teachers.

There is more upcoming PD—Library of Congress, Digital Literacy—funding for 80 teachers online. Jim McC suggested that MSSSA might be another place to recruit teachers.

Teaching Awards—Nick, Scott and Nadine. Gilder-Lehrman had a good crop of nominees. Adam Sacco (sp?) was the winner (?). The runner-up would be named the McConnell winner for secondary, but still need Elementary and Pre-Service nominees. Rob Franchi—McConnell winner.

Updated online application on MCHE website for Presidential Scholars Program. Due the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in October. Nick explained the process for choosing the Presidential Scholars. Need a clear winner by early November.

USSYP—United States Senate Youth Program—high school juniors and seniors—MCHE will need people to read through applications.

Tammy—Great Lakes History Conference on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Tammy asked if Nick had the PDF for McConnell Award certificates and he does.

ENotes Updates

School Board Support Update. How to support School Boards—Catherine contacted the MASB—contentious times for school boards. Jim McC—critical to have positive outcome in local and state school board positions. Scott K reinforced Jim's statement. Tammy commented that it is necessary to support real history teaching and not partisan politics. Catherine said that MCHE

needs to support board elections. MCHE should summarize candidates and put that info out on ENotes and the MCHE website. Jim McC—Bridge Magazine has issued candidate info, as well as the League of Women Voters. Nadine volunteered to contact a person with the League of Women Voters.

Catherine—ENotes connection to educate the public on the list of candidates and their positions.

Next meeting—Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned at noon.