

Board Report (Coppernoll) for May 31, 2017 – re Dr. Tribley

Dr. Tribley was recommended to the board by a shared governance cross campus search committee. The board found that Dr. Walter Tribley was the right person for the job and unanimously selected him.

Dr. Tribley has not disappointed. He has been a stalwart, courageous, dedicated, loyal superintendent/president who has received multiple compliments for his visionary leadership by other prominent leaders in our community who recognize his outstanding character and quality as MPC's CEO. We are indeed privileged to have this compassionate, highly educated, quality person agree to continue to serve our District, as any organization would surely jump at the chance to have him as their own leader.

Dr. Tribley has been bringing MPC into the twenty-first century with his multitude of innovative changes that will streamline operations and establish fiscal stability for a sustainable future of our college. With tremendous courage and moral fiber, he is navigating our college in the only direction it can and should go in, and avoiding calamity down the road. If he had been at the helm of the Titanic, the Titanic would not have hit a glacier and perished.

The Collaborative Brain Trust pointed out that MPC was, at the time of its report, the only California community college in the state that was still using an obsolete antiquated technology for its data information system. Rectifying this situation is a work in progress.

Change is hard, change is necessary, change must continue if MPC is to survive and thrive for current and future students and for our

community. We all have experienced change in our lives. For me, it has been daunting to adjust to civilian life after a career in the military. But the spirit of service is the same.

From my perspective, Dr. Tribley is the best, strongest leader MPC has ever had. He is the most courageous, the most caring, the most selfless. He has taken on countless challenges and sought and found positive, creative solutions. He has held multiple campus wide open forums to explain the necessary changes, to provide budget details and planning. He has been truthful, hardworking, committed to excellence, and most importantly, he always keeps our mission, student success, in the forefront of everything he does, every step he takes.

Dr. Tribley has formed an outstanding leadership team and has earned the respect and trust of longstanding dedicated staff members, who have been instrumental in making MPC an institution of the highest caliber.

Education profiles are rising in our previously underserved communities. Many new scholarships are being offered to our public high school graduating seniors. AB288 will increase educational opportunities for our high school students and provide them increased access to internships and higher paying jobs. Businesses are getting what they want and need – an educated, qualified work force.

The numbers of graduates and transfer students have increased so much that the entire football stadium was overflowing with families and friends who shared in the success of our students this year, whereas just a few years ago we held graduation ceremonies in the

amphitheater. MPC has taken great strides forward; MPC is making admirable, remarkable progress in spite of inherited financial woes.

All should be celebrating and saluting our superintendent/president. He has been riding the wild bucking bronco bull far longer than any amateur or professional bull rider ever could.

Please take time to thank Dr. Tribley for staying with us through extremely difficult times, without complaining. Rather he puts his nose to the grindstone working ever harder to improve every aspect of our college. The accolades he receives from staff, faculty, administrators, and community leaders alike are more than well deserved.

All of us together are the whole heart and soul that is MPC. We must stand strong together to create a positive, healthy future for our college. Negativity is destructive to our mission, while a positive attitude generates favorable solutions. We can create good out of adversity; we will, and we are. We are MPC, after all. MPC is a miracle in and of itself.

Dr. Tribley is a huge asset and blessing to our college. Love and respect him for the jewel that he is. Our governing board does.

Thank you. God bless you. God bless MPC.