

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM April 1, 2008
MRHS Counseling Center

ATTENDEES: Rosalie Bowen, Mary Brindisi, Jennifer Burgy, Susie Cruz, Bill Eikenberg, Caroline Kessler, Karyn Littlejohn, Barbara Mayer, Chloe Meade, Jackie Meisel, Pat Saunderson, Lynn Schenning.

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. In the absence of Recording Secretary, Kathy Martin, the minutes were taken by Mary Brindisi.

After a review of the Minutes of the March 11th meeting, two corrections were made: in Administration Report, line 2, add “year” after school; in New Business, omit last sentence, “This should be doable.” A motion was made by Barbara Mayer to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and passed.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Jennifer Burgy reported that the Media grant money was given out. The Baccalaureate decision for sponsorship by the PTSA was sent out, and no response had been received back. The Nominating Committee consists of Barbara Mayer, Anita Koehler, and Dee Hernandez. The PTSA voted to accept this committee. The 8th graders coming to MRHS in the fall will have a visitation day on June 4th. A date in August is a possibility for an additional opportunity for these students to have a social event. This topic will be revisited next month. Jennifer stated that she is following up on leads for producing an electronic version of the Student Directory.

1st VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Barbara is working on the Nominating Committee. She attended the last Booster’s meeting where it was reported that Mustang Madness generated approximately \$19,000. The Homecoming date for 2008 is October 11th.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mary had no news to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bill updated the board on the budget activity for the previous month, including monies received for new memberships, student directories sold, e-scrip, and donations to the After Prom Event. Expenditures went out to Staff Appreciation, Academic Grants, APE, Student/Family Programs, and Hospitality. Bill reported that the MRHS PTSA has overpaid for State/National Dues. Tim Ferrell requested \$65.00 (cost to be evenly split with Boosters) for maintenance and replacement associated with the outdoor garden. Barbara Mayer made a motion to pay the PTSA share of the money from the contingency fund. Motion was seconded and passed.

Grants were identified as being paid out this school year: Mathematics, English, Science, World Languages, Social Studies, CTE, and Media. Academic Grants not yet paid out to: Guidance, Fine Arts, Special Education, and PE/Health.

RECORDING SECRETARY: No report

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Mollie Shea had sent out a card for one of the new babies of a staff member.

PTAC DELEGATES: No report

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie Meisel reported that Switch Day was a huge success. The Spring Musical will open this week. Many college acceptances are being received by April 1 and it is an exciting time for Seniors.

Caroline Kessler reported that the National Art Honors Society is hosting an event on April 23 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Some of the activities will include interactive art, a fashion show, visual journals and an awards presentation. Cost is \$2.00 at the door.

Chloe Meade reported that one of the College Symposium speakers, Bob Massa from Dickinson College, was so informative that she suggested having him return to do a presentation during the school day. Chloe also reported that the Junior Interview Day held last week, was successful. The Spring Concert will be held soon which involves, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and Dance. The music trip to Myrtle Beach is upcoming (A preview concert will be performed for the students according to Mr. Saunderson.)

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Mr. Saunderson reported that there was an unplanned fire drill at 2:00 pm today. Four MRHS students will advance from the the Regional Science Fair to the State level. Two history students will compete at the State Competition with their historical re-enactments (including monologues and question time). Looking ahead, there will be an updated graduation schedule mailed home. Graduation is May 22nd. Prom is May 16th, and the Sophomore Ring Ceremony is June 6th. MRHS is hosting Summer Institute towards the end of the school year, as well as Curriculum Writing during June/July/August. There are 4 vacancies at MRHS with about 100 applicants. The microwave burned up in the Cafeteria. Lynn Schenning will contact Clark's Hardware to inquire about buying a microwave for the staff and receiving 2 free microwaves for the Cafeteria.

Mrs. Bowen reported that Cynthia Wiggins' brother died and Maria Gorman's father had died. Three new babies were born to staff: Mr. Parson (son), Ms. Reigel (daughter), and Mr. Ellis (son). AP Exam registration is 350 students for over 700 exams. These will be taken during the first two weeks in May. The HSA testing will begin May 19th.

SOCIAL STUDIES PRESENTATION: Mr. Saunderson reported for Mr. Dubbs, who was unable to attend today's meeting. There will be a new course offering next year: something along the lines of: Political Science/Comparative Governments AP. The spring election process of SGA Officers and Class Counsel Officers will be shifting gears a bit with a goal of getting more students involved. Freshmen class officers will be elected in the fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Susie Cruz stated that our total membership count is at 1,153 members!

After Prom: Karyn Littlejohn stated that a contribution letter was sent to the entire school population. All APE committees are moving forward. She is hoping to have buttons made for the staff to wear to promote the After Prom Event.

Publicity: No report.

Student/Family Programs: No report.

eScrip/A-Plus: No report.

Staff Appreciation: Two events are left this year: Staff Appreciation during May 5-9, and End-of-Year event.

Newsletter: A report was sent in by Cindy O'Brien stating that the third newsletter is being proofed now. It is regrettable that so much time expires from when the newsletter is completed until it is received in the mail. Also, getting everyone's article in on time is a real task.

SAT Prep: Done for the year.

Hospitality: No report.

New Business: Jennifer stated that the 2008-09 school calendar is approved with about 15 days vacation during the winter break. The last day of school will be June 16, 2009. There was another accident on Rt. 99 again. Visibility is poor, especially at the corner of Rt. 99 and Sand Hill Rd. The PTSA would be a good group to advocate to the State Highway Administration to come up with ways to promote greater safety on Rt. 99 with perhaps a lower speed limit and better visibility by Sand Hill. Mr. Saunderson will again contact transportation to see about a later start time for Mount View Middle School next year to alleviate traffic congestion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Brindisi
MRHS PTSA 2nd Vice President