

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
4:00pm February 5, 2008
MRHS Counseling Center

Attendees: Mary Brindisi, Rosalie Bowen, Jennifer Burgy, Susie Cruz, Bill Eikenberg, Caroline Kessler, Kathy Martin, Barbara Mayer, Chloe Meade, Jackie Meisel, Pat Saunderson, Lynn Schenning, Mollie Shea, Amy Tich, Janet Gilbert, Maureen Romano, Reg Hahne (teacher rep)

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

After review of minutes which were distributed in both hard copy at the meeting and electronically earlier, **a motion by Barbara Mayer was made to accept the minutes as presented.** Motion was seconded and passed with no further discussion.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PTSA will join with other clubs to pool funding to purchase an ad in the yearbook. NHS volunteers are helping with the folding/labeling of the PTSA newsletter. An insert will be included to advise people about the missing pages from the Directory. Parents have approached PTA to look into a program provided by Erie Insurance called "Looking Out" which is an alcohol awareness program. Jennifer Burgy will be conferring with administration on this issue. HOCO student film festival was seeking funding in part because of Marriotts Ridge student participation. The board stated that one non-profit group cannot contribute money to another non-profit group.

1st Vice President Report: Barbara Mayer had no new news to report.

2nd Vice President Report: Mary Brindisi had no new news to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Eikenberg updated the board on the finances for the PTSA for the previous month. Treasurer report is attached. It was reported that a check for \$27 from Verizon was received. Apparently this is a similar program to the EScrip program. Our ending balance was \$17,908.66. Regarding our directory costs, the Boosters Club paid for the cardstock and the PTSA paid for the paper. Additionally, some grants which are included in our budget have not been paid out.

Directory: Directory sales are ongoing. All directories that are being sold in the school have all pages included.

Correspondence Secretary: Several condolence cards will be sent out. Mollie Shea will check with Gay Burdick (Principal's Secretary) for the most up to date list.

PTAC DELEGATES: Following is a link to the county wide minutes.
<http://ptachc.org/Aminutes/mostrecent.htm>

Amy Tich provided a brief update to the board including a healthy lunch initiative by some students (Peas on Earth); updates on the BOE website; an ongoing discussion of insurance for PTA's; details on the book collection; and a survey regarding the cleanliness of schools.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Three student representatives were present for this meeting – Caroline Kessler, Chloe Meade and Jackie Meisel. The following information was shared: A winter pep rally was held at the school. It included a “fashion show” detailing what to wear (and not to wear) to the upcoming Sadie Hawkins Dance. Course registration forms have been distributed to students and are due soon. Senior Switch Day is scheduled for the day before Spring Break. The upcoming production of “Once Upon A Mattress” is in full rehearsal with performances scheduled in April. Senior Class flower grams are available for \$1 a flower on Valentines Day. Graduation speakers can audition on February 14. Speakers will be selected for graduation ceremony and class night. NHS is continuing to seek out volunteer opportunities. Regarding directory sales during the lunch period: Students would find it helpful to have an announcement in advance of sales also details of cost and who the first copy was sent home with. The National Art Honor Society induction is scheduled for February 11 at 7PM. An Arts Festival is scheduled for late April.

REG HAHNE: Teacher representative from the CTE department addressed the board discussing extra-curricular details. Attached is an outline of his information. Mr. Hahne did point out to the board that the Tech Ed credit changes for the incoming freshman class.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Mr. Saunderson reported that the Marriotts Ridge Scholars group is changing its requirements. Current members of this group will receive a letter in the mail detailing these changes. Other students will receive details later. The changes will make the group more in line with national organizations regarding the number of AP classes. The GPA required will also increase from a 3.0 to a 3.4. SGA council had a meeting to discuss this groups activities. The election process may be changed including having the board elect its officers. There is a teacher website available for the PTSA use. Most likely this will be offered to Karyn Littlejohn for use with the After Prom Party activities. Mr. Saunderson asked the boards input on the best/first thing that comes to mind regarding Marriotts Ridge High School and one initiative you would like to see the school start. Staffing for next year is basically set. There may be a slight increase in staffing as our student population may have a slight increase. Current student population is 1204 and the prediction for next year is 1231. Administration is receiving some requests to transfer TO Marriotts Ridge. The data clerk Lisa Beschner has been promoted to the position of Guidance secretary. Interviews are ongoing for a new data clerk.

Mrs. Bowen reported that multi-cultural day is scheduled for Friday, February 22. There will be two assemblies during that day and a fair in the commons. Now is the time to register for AP exams as the deadline is the end of March.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Staff Appreciation: Plans are set for the meal for staff with a chili, salad, and dessert menu. Several of the Korean families have volunteered to provide some Korean dishes as well.

Newsletter: The next deadline is March 14 for the April issue.

Reflections: Four girls have placed in the top four slots at the county level.

Directory: The directory came back from being printed and it was discovered after distribution that SOME directories are missing four pages. An eschool notice was sent out telling parents to email if their directory was missing pages and the missing pages could be sent via email to them for them to print out and attach to their own directory.

SAT Prep: The class starts Thursday. So far 15 students have signed up and last minute registrations are to be expected. The first class will be held in the cafeteria because of parent teacher conferences scheduled for that day.

Membership: Susie Cruz reported a few additional memberships have been received. Membership is closed as of March 31, 2008.

After Prom Party: A meeting of the after Prom Committee is upcoming. The teacher web paged which administration has made available to the PTSA for its use will be given to the After Prom Party committee for its use. The \$260 received by PTSA from Harbin Farms (Christmas tree sales) will be put to use by the After Prom Party committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Request: Information Services has requested funding for the purchase of a desktop camera. No specific dollar amount was requested. This request will be addressed at the next Executive Board meeting scheduled for March.

MRHS Baccalaureate Ceremony: Two visitors to the board meeting, Ms. Janet Gilbert and Ms. Maureen Romano, updated the board on a community effort to plan a baccalaureate ceremony for the graduating class of 2008. At the moment, there is no indicator of level of student or community interest in this event. A meeting is planned for February 24, 2008 and is open to the community to discuss this possibility. In part, there is the possibility of a request to the PTSA to consider having it sponsored by the PTSA OR have the PTSA assist with the request for use of space through the county if that is the site selected. More information will be shared after the meeting on February 24 is held.

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Nominating Committee: A nominating committee needs to be formed to begin seeking volunteers to serve on the board for next year. The president of the PTA cannot serve on this committee. Three people are needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

MRHS PTSA scholarship: A rubric and letter were distributed to the board for review. **A motion was made by Bill Eikenberg to accept the letter and rubric as presented.** No further discussion ensued. A second was received and the motion was passed.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:45 PM**

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Martin
MRHS PTSA Recording Secretary