

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
4:00pm January 8, 2008
MRHS Counseling Center

Attendees: Mary Brindisi, Rosalie Bowen, Jennifer Burgy, Karen Chase, Susie Cruz, Bill Eikenberg, Karyn Littlejohn, Kathy Martin, Barbara Mayer, Chloe Meade, Jackie Meisel, Pat Saunderson, Lynn Schenning, Mollie Shea, Eric Ebersole (Teacher Rep)

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

After review of minutes which were distributed in both hard copy at the meeting and electronically earlier, amendments were made to correct the typo on page 2 “were to where” and a notation of a thank you sent out. A motion by Pat Saunderson was made to accept the amended minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed with no further discussion.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Booster club gave the custodial staff and expression of appreciation and invited the PTSA to join in. Jennifer Burgy represented the PTSA at this event. The ad hoc scholarship committee met to discuss and details will be given under the “old business” portion of the meeting. PTSA received a letter from Central Office detailing the newly appointed ombudsman, Rosemarie Dennison, and informing the PTSA that an evening parents meeting can be scheduled if we are interested.

1st Vice President Report: Barbara Mayer shared the update sent via email from Barbara Wrobel. She is waiting information from Martins stores as she has applied to register Marriotts Ridge for the “A Plus” program. The process could take six to eight weeks and Barbara will continue to follow up.

PTAC DELEGATES: Following is a link to the county wide minutes.

<http://ptachc.org/Aminutes/mostrecent.htm>

Further a copy of the insurance policy was given to Treasurer Bill Eikenberg by Amy Tich. Amy also reported that the book drive is starting. Marriotts Ridge must contact PTAC if the school is interested in receiving donations (Administration does not see a need for this at present time). If our school is collecting books, they must be organized by category prior to donation. Cultural proficiency training will be held in May and all PTA and PTSA’s are encouraged to send someone. Advocacy awards are available and if a PTSA has done anything as advocates for children, the application form should be completed.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Two student representatives were present for this meeting – Chloe Meade and Jackie Meisel. The following information was shared: The spring play has started rehearsals. The STOMP club is moving forward asking students to show spirit and be “classy” in the stands. The Choir and music concerts were good. The Spanish 5 class held a toy drive that was well done. They have done other volunteer projects as well. National Art Honor Society inductions are upcoming. Midterm reviews will take place this week. A schedule is online.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Eikenberg updated the board on the finances for the PTSA for the previous month. Treasurer report is attached. The check for the SAT program hall use has not yet cleared the account. An accounting from E-Script was very low but they tend to be slow in reporting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Mr. Saunderson reported mid term mania went well with predominately a 9th grade audience. Mid-term review sessions are ongoing. Sports coaches and clubs know the schedule and will accommodate. Mid-terms will be Monday through Thursday (January 14-17). There is an orientation for parents of incoming freshman schedule for Thursday, January 10 at 7PM. Next Monday the same event will be held for International families with translators available. Marriotts Ridge has a new custodial supervisor for evenings – Kevin Grant.. Susan Bradley, secretary in Guidance office, has been promoted to Long Reach High School as a guidance counselor. Interviews are being scheduled to hire a new guidance secretary. Plans are ongoing for the first Marriotts Ridge High School graduation. Course registration forms will be going out on or about January 22 or 23. They will be due back at the end of the month. Things are mostly “status quo” for next year with team leadership in place. Mustang Maniacs – a spirit club – now has the SGA involved and have come up with some sportsmanship guidelines. The next presentation by the theater program will be “Once Upon A Mattress”. Also, a “graduation” calendar will be compiled and sent home detailing all the dates and information for the graduation and related events.

Mrs. Bowen reported that HSA testing is ongoing for the next few days. Auditions will be scheduled for seniors who wish to speak or introduce a guest during the graduation or at the assembly.

ERIC EBERSOLE: Mr. Ebersole attended the PTSA meeting as staff representative this month. He is the Math Instructional Team Leader. He thanked the board for the grant money to assist in the purchase of the software program. He shared that he believes this to be one of the best math staff he has been involved with. The staff chooses to eat lunch together every day which is great for them and for the students. He spoke about HSA testing. He reported that there will be some practice for HSA prior to their administration in the spring. He discussed the AP courses available and said last year was successful for our students and school. He suggested stopping by Mr. Don Storr's classroom to view an “interesting display”. He shared that the Math competition team is doing very well with strong student leadership and some very promising “young talent” as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Susie Cruz reported no new memberships but this may change when the PTSA scholarship is announced.

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After Prom Party: The committee is working on a mailing to parents of juniors and seniors looking for contributions. Publicity is sending information and will be sending E-School bulletins. Discussion about the availability of space on the teacher website program for PTA and including After Prom information. Board discussion regarding setting policy about students leaving the After Prom Party and what the rules should be. This year is different than last year as we will have seniors who can drive and will have licenses without restrictions. The question became "Is it necessary for a student who wishes to leave early to have a parent come to the event site and sign them out?" Anyone with thoughts or comments on the issue can contact Karen Littlejohn to share them. The committee will be meeting shortly to make a decision based on Executive Board input.

Publicity: Karen Chase reminded that all publicity requests should go to her for placement in various publications. She has shared information with various publications and has had some success with getting information published but always hopes for more. Please contact her with any events that you would like publicized. Her contact information is **Karen Chase at Karen.chase@unilever.com** or 410-531-9818.

Booster Club Liaison: Booster Club discussed the sales tax increase and how that will affect them. This issue should not have much affect on the PTSA. The Booster club is going to take out an ad in the yearbook. Does PTSA wish to do that as well?

MOTION: Barbara Mayer made a motion that up to \$100 be taken from the Contingency account to be used to pay for a yearbook add to congratulation the graduating class. Motion second by Mollie Shea. No further discussion. Motion passed.

NOTE: As the prices were higher than anticipated when discussed at the Executive Board meeting, it was decided to combine our funding with the Booster Club for the purpose of purchasing an ad.

Staff Appreciation: There will be a blurb in the next newsletter regarding February Conference dinners. Volunteers will be solicited.

Newsletter: The target date is the end of January to have the next Newsletter to the post office.

Reflections: The Reflections entries are all delivered to the county office for the county judging scheduled for January 31, 2008. It is only for students whose work has reached the county level.

Directory: Directory is complete and will be distributed shortly after mid-terms. Additional directories will be available for sale shortly after distribution.

SAT Prep: The request to the county for facility has been made. There will be no charge as the activity is during the week. There has been E-School notification of this event and there will be a form on the website. Will Schwartz has the information regarding rooms and dates.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Request: CTE has made a request for a grant in the amount of \$172.40 to cover the balance of the cost of a website domain registration fee.

MOTION: Barbara Mayer made a motion to accept the grant request from the CTE department in the amount of \$172.40 to cover the balance due on website domain registration fee. Mollie Shea seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

MRHS PTSA scholarship: A draft of a proposed MRHS PTSA scholarship application was provided to the executive board. Members of the ad hoc committee shared their decisions and suggestions regarding this application. The ad hoc committee was charged with developing the criteria for judging and awarding the MRHS PTSA scholarship and will present that information at the next Executive Board Meeting in February.

MOTION: A motion was made by Barbara Mayer to accept the draft with two minor revisions. Mollie Shea seconded and no further discussion. Motion passed.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:52 PM**

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Martin
MRHS PTSA Recording Secretary