

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
3:00 PM February 17, 2009
MRHS Commons Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Burgy, Dia Hernandez, Kathy Lein, Emily Jenkins, Karyn Littlejohn, Christine Crosby, Kellie Riley, Pat Saunderson, Molly Shea, Lynn Schenning, Tom Walker, Mr. Hahne

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. Dia Hernandez and Christine Crosby approved minutes from the January meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Jennifer reported there is an opportunity for those interested to sponsor a 2 page spread in the yearbook the cost to each organization would be approx. \$150. The committee decided to table the decision until the funds can be confirmed.

Jennifer's looking to form a nominating committee for next year; anyone willing to participate should contact Jennifer.

The PTSA scholarship information and forms are now on line or families can obtain hard copies in the guidance office.

As of last Thursday 6 additional families have joined MRHS PTSA, 3 more than River Hill high.

Committee Partnership meeting was held on February 5th.
Board of Education meeting to take place on 25 March.

1st Vice President: Dia will update everyone on the Booster meeting when we discuss committee reports.

2nd Vice President: **NTR**

Treasurer's report: Lynn Schenning reviewed the monthly income and expenses as of February 12, 2009.

Recording Secretary: Lori sends her thanks for the generous gift card given by the PTSA.

Corresponding Secretary: **NTR**

Council Delegates: **NTR**

Student Representatives: Emily Jenkins: 9th grade – **NTR**
Kellie Riley: 11th grade – Junior class chose the theme for this year's prom, Midnight Masquerade. Prom will be held at the Hyatt Regency from 7-12 PM.

Administration Report:

Staff Report: Reg Hahne – Career / Technology Teacher – reported on the upcoming intramurals for the Table tennis team. Competitions are forming; the next one is scheduled against Atholton. Mr. Hahne thanked the PTSA for the money provided this year. Mr. Hahne gave a PowerPoint presentation showing how inventive the students have gotten with the MRHS Stang software, the MRHS web page and the work students do with client on sites. The CRD team works on passports to the future helping students create portfolios.

Principal: Mr. Pat Saunderson reported Family and Community Partnership meeting discussed safe driving; school start times are still on the forefront of discussions.

The Social studies department intended to use their grant money to reimburse their History Live event. 15 teachers will assist in judging the event. Several students participate and have the opportunity to go up to the county level.

The Guidance department would like to use their grant request to host the College and Career Symposium. Discussion held until committee gets to new business

World Language department would like to use their grant request to purchase resource books and educational games. Discussion held until committee gets to new business.

Mr. Saunderson passed around the school system calendar for review. There are changes coming for winter and spring breaks. Discussions were held at the county level on the current stimulus package, changes are coming on positions, benefits, school vehicles, school ground funding, and closing central offices during winter break.

778 Honor Roll Students were celebrated with a sundae party provided by the PTSA. Students participated in the Polar Bear plunge and raised \$4,000. Three students are moving to the county level for the Science Fair, 50 students participated in the Howard County Solo Ensemble.

The SGA plans to host a movie night for the students offering safe alternatives for poor decisions. The Valentine's Day dance was attended by approx. 220 students. The Senior Class Teacher of the year will be announced tomorrow.

Committee Reports:

Booster: Dia reported next year's homecoming date has been set for Sept. 26th. Mustang Madness raffle tickets are on sale via the web. Nominees for the Booster's scholarship are coming in; summer camps have been added to the web site.

Membership: Jennifer reported for Suzi Cruz - still receiving a few memberships, currently 953 members, membership cards are not in yet.

After Prom: The venue for the event has been secured at Dave & Buster's at Arundel Mills. Meetings are occurring monthly to update committees on activities and fundraising, members are looking into buses for students the morning after back to

MRHS. The 2nd Annual Prom Extravaganza has been planned for April 20th. Fundraising events are under consideration to help defer the cost of the event.

Publicity: Jennifer reminded everyone to send all eschool newsletter requests to Karen Chase at Karen.chase@unilever.com

Student / Family Programs: Over 100 people attended the event with Dr. Spevak. Overwhelming response along with positive feedback on the information given, administration and attendees would like to bring him back next year.

EScript: rebate funds are coming in; the Campbell's Soup box is missing from the front office.

Staff Appreciation: 26 February the PTSA / Booster committees and volunteers will provide dinner for the staff and administration. Soups, pasta, bread, salads and drinks will be provided.

Newsletter: PTSA newsletter is ready to go out. This volume is 14 pages long and full of great tidbits.

Reflections: NTR

Directory: Kayrn reported the directories were distributed.

SAT Prep: Another session has been scheduled.

Hospitality: Jennifer reported beverages were served during Dr. Spevak's presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Guidance department would like to use their grant request to host the College and Career Symposium. Monies would be used for refreshments, note pads, pencils, and gift bags. 30 presenters scheduled. Request **APPROVED**

World Language department would like to use their grant request to purchase 25 resource books and educational games. Request **APPROVED**