

**Marriotts Ridge High School**  
**PTSA Meeting**  
**May 10, 2010**  
**Marriotts Ridge HS Cafeteria**

Irene Bademosi called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

**In Attendance:** Irene Bademosi, Cathy Lein, Laura Muth, Jennifer Burgy, Donna Flemister, Barb Ohnmacht, Pat Saunderson, Jane Jones, Jire Bademosi, Monique Summers, Anita Koehler

**Minutes** from the April 12, 2010 Executive Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve as corrected (Lein), second (Flemister). All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

**President's Report: Irene Bademosi**

- Expressed concern about scholarship deadline and receipt of applications. Worried about transparency due to opening membership at General Meeting. Extending deadline for submitting applications to 3:00 PM on Friday, May 14.
- Is grateful for the opportunity to serve. Will visit us in the future, as an interested, and proud, part of the school community. Mentioned a proverb that considers one's neighbor as your family because your neighbor is the first to be seen in case of emergency before your blood relatives could travel to you.
- Still concerned about the lack of diversity on the MRHS PTSA Executive Board. Indicates PTSA members opened up to her over the phone that the 'PTSA is an exclusive club.
- May be out of town for the June meeting.
- Thanked Adejire Bademosi who was a student member that ran for a PTSA office for 2010/2011 school year and for serving as a student representative in the MRHS School Improvement Team in the 2007/2008 school year, and this year volunteered at the Boosters County Fair Booth, served and cleaned during the teacher appreciation dinner, served during pasta dinner, and recognized that she did not miss any PTSA meeting throughout the year.
- Attended the teacher appreciation luncheon in May to serve and thank our teachers.
- Asked for an update about the \$2000 check from the County Executive in support of the After Prom.
- Suggests the creation of a community awards nomination committee.

**First Vice President's Report: Tim Ferrell**

- Asked the Board how they would like to scholarships presented to the students at the Evening of Excellence. Board responds that they would like large "checks" to be created to hand to the students. Donna Flemister has volunteered to look into having the checks made.

### **Second Vice President's Report: Cathy Lein**

- Make Route 32 Safe Committee final hearing was held last Wednesday. The Community Citizens were able to convince the zoning board that no new gas station at Route 32 and Livestock Road should be built. The Board voted unanimously against it.

### **Treasurer's Report: Laura Muth**

- Treasurer's Report and After Prom Report submitted. Please see attached.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report: Donna Flemister**

- Sent a sympathy card to Ms. Livingston for the loss of her father on behalf of the PTSA.

### **PTACHC Delegate Report: Barbara Ohnmacht**

- PTACHC would like the contact list for new officers as soon as convenient.
- Deadline for PTA community awards is May 20.
- Discussion at past meeting concentrated on the four major initiatives of Race to the Top.

### **Student Representative Report: Kelly Burgy** – no report

### **Administration's Report: Patrick Saunderson**

- Music concerts were held recently, and they were outstanding.
- Students participated in a state choral festival at Morgan State University.
- GT appreciation night, including independent research and mentor reports, was held last week.
- Prom and After Prom were held on May 9. All went well.
- AP tests have begun to be administered.
- BSAP/MAC senior night will be held on Wednesday of this week.
- Dance concerts will be held this Saturday and Sunday. All are welcome.
- Spring sports teams are performing well. A Lacrosse double-header will be held this Saturday.
- The staff thanks the Staff Appreciation Committee for the Korean Lunch, Breakfast and Luncheon that were hosted last week.
- 819 students achieved honor role status 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on May 19, during all lunch shifts from 10:20 until 12:30 in Student Services. RSVP to Mrs. Burdick.
- Upcoming senior events include: class night at Turf Valley; Senior Evening of Excellence; Farewell Assembly; and Graduation. All community members are invited, and encouraged to attend the Evening of Excellence. Due to limited seating, the Farewell Assembly will be attended by students, staff and parents of award recipients only.
- The sophomore class ring ceremony will be held back-to-back with the underclass awards ceremony on June 15.
- Next year Prom will be held April 30 or May 14, 2011.
- Back to School Night will be held September 1, 2010.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Directory:** Mt. Hebron Directory Chair contact information was forwarded to Tim Ferrell.

**eScrip (Cathy Lein):** Written report submitted. Approximately \$3,700 earned to date.

**Membership:** Membership was open for the evening and 5 new members joined.

**Staff Appreciation (Jennifer Burgy):** A group of Korean parents hosted an ethnic luncheon for the staff on May 5. On Thursday, May 6 the PTSA/Boosters Staff Appreciation Committee sponsored a breakfast for the staff. A pizza party luncheon was held on Friday, May 7. Many staff members have expressed their thanks for the food.

**Newsletter (Cindy Happel):** No report. President expressed her concern about information in the newsletter coming out too late, once it is published it is irrelevant. Board agrees that next year the Board needs to evaluate if publishing a newsletter is meaningful.

**Reflections (Jane Jones):** The Award of Merit Ribbon for Katherine Jackson was delivered.

**Nominating Committee (Laura Muth):** Business has concluded for the year.

**After Prom:**

- 456 tickets were sold, only 30-35 students signed out before 4:30. Six students who purchased tickets did not attend.
- 120 bus tickets were sold. There was only one snag, a student rode home with a friend and neglected to inform her parents.
- Pool and bowling tournaments were held throughout the evening.

**New Business:** A MRHS student, conducting her independent research project on Homophobia has requested to present her report at a PTSA meeting. President Bademosi invited her to present her report at the June meeting.

**Old Business:**

- The request for funding for the Information Technologies Departmental Grant was submitted for a 1-year subscription of Gale Testing and Education Center. Motion to approve funding with remaining balance of Departmental Grants line item, \$1434.20 (Burgy), second (Jones). Discussion, Ms. Bademosi would like to see a demo of the program. All in favor, funding approved.

**Special Report Update on HCASC and MASC (Jire Bademosi):**

- HCASC elections will be held at 7:00 PM at the ARL building on Route 108. There are 4 elected officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Most applicants are from River Hill and Centennial High schools.
- Libby Norford is the MRHS representative to the Executive Board of MASC. Applications can be downloaded at MDstudentcouncil.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM