

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA Meeting
June 14, 2010
MRHS 1st Floor Meeting Room

Tim Ferrell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

In Attendance: Tim Ferrell, Laura Muth, Jennifer Burgy, Barb Ohnmacht, Kelly Burgy, Patrick Saunderson, Jane Jones, Lori Ferraro, Dave Brown, Barb Chilcoat, Cindy Haller, Anita Koehler, Leah Malakoff

Minutes from the May 10, 2010 Executive Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve as corrected (Ferrell), second (Jones). All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

President's Report: Irene Bademosi

- Written Report submitted read into the record.

First Vice President's Report: Tim Ferrell

- The Awards Committee selected three recipients of the MRHS PTSA Scholarship by a blind application process. The \$750 awards were given to: Kelly Billet (Pitt), Amanda Jefferson (NC Wilmington), and Laura Chilcoat (*shoot, I didn't get where, Barb, can you help me out here*).
- Options for next year printing of Directory still being explored.
- A Directory reimbursement request will be introduced in New Business.
- Discussion about PTSA Scholarship requirements will be held during New Business.

Second Vice President's Report: Cathy Lein

No Report

Treasurer's Report: Laura Muth

- Treasurer's Report and After Prom Report submitted. Please see attached.
- Observed that fundraising for After Prom was held too late in the year, and those events didn't capture enough funds to cover the venue contract. Parent donations don't come in until February or March. Encouraged the Board to express to the 2010-11 Chair to generate funds earlier in the year. Spending on the Prize line item went over budget. We are still waiting for grant and donation income.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Burgy

- Sent 2010-11 MRHS PTSA Officer contact information to the MD State PTA.
- Will send summer mailing originals and 2010-11 MRHS PTSA Exec Board contact info. to Dave Brown.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Donna Flemister

No Report

PTACHC Delegate Report: Barbara Ohnmacht

Jennifer Chase, a MRHS student, was awarded the countywide PTACHC scholarship.

Student Representative Report: Kelly Burgy

- Graduation was well run and the students enjoyed it. A few juniors were selected to hand out programs.
- Several students were selected as guides for the 8th Grade Visitation held last week. It was a good opportunity to tell future MRHS students what a great school they were coming to.
- SGA elections were held last week. Officers for the 2020-11 year:
 - President – Amanda Grote
 - 1st VP, Student Activities – Kevin Yu
 - 2nd VP, Community Service – Rachael Follmer
 - Treasurer – Elliott Jones
 - Recording Secretary – Kelly Burgy
 - Publicity Secretary – Amanda Brown
 - Historian – Mary Kate Leitch
 - Parliamentarian – Elizabeth Bargamian
- Most students are busy studying for finals.

Special Student Report: Leah Malakoff

Keeping Afloat In An Ocean of Homophobia: Let's Make School Safe

- Student made a 10-minute oral presentation then displayed her DVD project to the Executive Board. Her Topic is, "How Can Homophobia Affect Depression and Substance Abuse in Teens?"
- Miss Malakoff is a student in Mr. Eckhardt's GT Research class.
- Student's focus is on Marriotts Ridge, to make it a gay-friendlier environment for all.
- Student used 32 sources of research for her topic, and feels that school is an environment where everyone should feel safe.
- The Board thanked Miss Malakoff for sharing her project with them, and asked her to let any one of them know if the PTSA could do anything to support her efforts to further educate her peers about acceptance of all.

Administration's Report: Patrick Saunderson

- Mrs. Ford had a family tragedy this afternoon and is unable to attend.
- Mrs. Rashid was not able to attend this meeting, apologies are sent.
- Day Supervisor Custodian Woody Nicholson and his wife had a son, Patrick Thomas. Mother and baby are doing well.
- Terry Eberhardt, Instructional Team Leader for the Fine Arts Department was married this past weekend.
- Staff members Leah Myers and Sheila Jones will each be married over the summer.
- Jan Carbary just had a second elbow surgery, and George Hruneni had a dual knee replacement.
- Custodian Rusty Beatty is experiencing liver failure and is on oxygen, he is not doing very well.
- Social Studies teacher, and Coach Ken Hovet underwent cancer surgery and learned that his cancer has metastasized. His position is being held for him, and hopefully we will see him in the fall.

- The sophomore class ring ceremony will be held back-to-back with the underclass awards ceremony on June 15.
- MRHS is entering into two partnerships. One with NASA @ the Goddard Space Center concerning the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Initiative. One with a school, built in 1960, located in Shanghai, China. Mr. Saunderson will visit the school in China at the end of June through early July.
- Currently in the process of hiring. Mr. Higdon (Social Studies) and Mr. Siskind (Science) are retiring this year. In addition to the teachers hired to “replace” them, MRHS will hire one additional world language teacher, science teacher, and a guidance counselor. Is looking for new JV football and varsity basketball coach as well.
- Next year Prom will be held May 14, 2011 in Baltimore at 8:00 pm.
- Back to School Night will be held September 1, 2010.
- Homecoming will be held on September 25, 2010.
- Thanked the outgoing PTSA officers and welcomed the new members of the Board. Met with Mr. Dave Brown and talked about the focus, priorities and direction of the PTSA in the future.
- PTSA meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month for the 2010-11 school year.

Committee Reports:

Directory: No report, see New Business

eScrip (Cathy Lein): No report.

Membership (Lori Ferraro): The year ended with 1061 members. Will continue to Chair this committee next year. Will man a membership table at the September 1 Back-to-School Night.

Staff Appreciation (Jennifer Burgy): Mrs. Burdick will coordinate the end of year luncheon for the staff, as it is held in conjunction with a staff meeting where it would be inappropriate for parents to attend. Mrs. Burdick will let the staff know that the MRHS PTSA and Boosters appreciate their MRHS staff and administrators and that the Staff Appreciation Committee paid for the lunch.

Newsletter (Cindy Happel): No report.

Reflections (Jane Jones): Nothing to report

After Prom: No Report. A Chair for this committee must be recruited for the 2010-11 school year.

SAT Prep (Barb Chilcoat): Mrs. Ford, Student Services, was unable to come to the meeting tonight, in her place Mrs. Chilcoat made the following report and recommendations to the Board:

- Recommends we utilize services of Princeton Review for ACT Prep course. Motion (Ferrell), second (Muth). All in favor, so moved.

- Recommends we utilize services of Academic Coaches (instead of or in addition to Martha Gagnon) for SAT Prep course. Motion (Ferrell), second (Chilcoat). All in favor, so moved.

- Chair will submit SAT Prep promotional materials to Boosters Corresponding Secretary for inclusion in the summer mailing.

New Business:

- Jane Jones will attend the MD PTA Leadership Conference on July 17. Registration has a buy one, get one free incentive. Laura Muth asked if any other Board Member would like to attend the conference, if so, please contact her and she will coordinate the registration form.

- A Board Member expressed concern during the May PTSA meeting about membership being opened during the General Meeting. Since that time, several other Board Members have scrutinized our Bylaws and determined opening membership registration is allowed (and required) at any time during the school year.

- Motion that only the student applicant for the MRHS scholarship must be a current PTSA member, not student and parent (Ferrell), second (Jones). All in favor, so moved.

- Motion that student applicant become a MRHS PTSA member by December 31 (Ferrell). No second after discussion, Mr. Ferrell withdrew motion.

- Motion that any student applicant for the MRHS PTSA scholarship be allowed to submit their PTSA membership application at the same time as they submit their scholarship application (Ferrell), second (Jones). All in favor, so moved.

- Motion to reimburse Directory Chair for expenses incurred to have Student Directory printed (Saunderson), second (Jones). All in favor, so moved.

- Board members and Committee Chairs were reminded by the Treasurer that the budget is created, and line item amounts are determined, and it is each of our responsibility to keep our spending within that allotted amount.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM