

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA Meeting
September 13, 2010
Student Service Center

Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

In Attendance: Dave Brown, Tim Ferrell, Jane Jones, Laura Muth, Jennifer Burgy, Barbara Ohnmacht, Patrick Saunderson, Cathy Lein, Lori Ferraro, Nancy Czarnecki, Anita Koehler

Minutes from the August 25, 2010 Executive Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written (Lein), second (Ferrell). All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

Administration Report: Patrick Saunderson

- Next week is Homecoming Spirit Week. Daily themes were sent out on Today's Topics.
- The Senior Crab Feast is being held tonight.
- Homecoming festivities include a Pasta Dinner on Friday night (proceeds benefiting After Prom) and a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning (benefiting POMS).
- A Tailgate Carnival will be held in the MRHS parking lot from 11-1 on Saturday instead of a parade. No grilling or alcohol is permitted on school grounds.
- The Homecoming Football game is at 1:00 on Saturday, September 25.
- The Homecoming Dance will be held from 8-11 PM in the MRHS gym on 25 September.
- Over 1000 people attended the Back-to-School Night.
- School appropriate attire has been reviewed with the students, including particular attention to tight jeans and shorts.

Staff Report: Nancy Czarnecki, English Team Leader:

- Expressed her willingness to serve on a Reflections Team.
- Distributed HCPSS Senior Writing Project report. This is a pilot program for a capstone project for seniors, which will account for 10% of their 3rd quarter grade.
- Bill's Buddies (HoCo Pulitzo) a middle school program will be hosted by MRHS this year on December 17. In return for hosting, 40 MRHS students will be able to participate in a workshop led by HoCo Pulitzo.

President's Report: Dave Brown

- Feedback was very positive from Back-to-School Night.
- Membership forms are still being received in the mail.
- Will send a Today's Topic to Gay Burdick containing a link to the membership form.
- Will contact interested parties for working on Reflections Committee.
- Is actively seeking an After Prom Committee Chair.
- SGA has invited PTSA to participate in Homecoming Tailgate Event. Breakout discussions held, Board prefers to contact Carl Miller and ask if he is willing to DJ the event, 2nd choice is renting a popcorn machine.

- Spoke with Ms. Fugate, MRHS Data Clerk, and the opt out forms are all due next week. Once they are in, she will contact the IT person at HCPSS and send the directory information in an Excel spreadsheet format via e-mail to Mr. Brown.
- September 28 Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night, and October 11 Junior Parent Night. Mr. Brown will speak specifically mentioning the need for an After Prom Chair. Membership tables will be open for these events.
- Motion (Burgy) to change October 11 PTSA meeting from 7:00 to 6:00 in order to remove conflict with Junior Parent Night. Second (Saunderson). All in favor, motion carries.
- Membership table will be open during the Homecoming Eve Pasta Dinner.
- President will work on recruiting Committee Chairs and will update the Board with his progress via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Muth

- Suzanne Cwalina conducted the audit of the MRHS PTSA accounting books for the 2009-2010 school year. Treasurer will submit audit material to PTACHC by the September 30 deadline.
- PNC Bank check signing privileges being changed to Muth, Brown and Ferrell. Removing Burgy, Lein and Bademosi.
- Motion (Jones) to accept Treasurer's Report. Second (Ferraro). All in favor, motion carries.

1st Vice President Report: Tim Ferrell

No Report

PTACHC Report: Barbara Ohnmacht

- An After Prom sharing night will be held on October 28 at Faulkner Ridge.
- There were 100-200 students new to Howard county registered for the 2010-2011 school year, 50 of those will attend Marriotts Ridge this year.

Committee Reports:

eScrip (Cathy Lein):

- The number of families signing up is down about 75% from last year.
- Will send a blurb to Gay Burdick for Today's Topics containing a link to the renewal forms.
- May call families who haven't renewed.

Membership (Lori Ferraro):

- Current membership is 475, not including staff.
- Will provide names and addresses of families who contributed donations to the Corresponding Secretary. Corresponding Secretary will send a thank you note to those families.
- Will consider sending e-mail (or letter) reminder to the families who have not renewed their membership. Barbara Ohnmacht has offered to assist with that project if Chair wants to pursue.

Staff Appreciation (Kim McKay):

The Staff Appreciation Committee reports that we contributed \$1000 to the New Student and Staff Orientation Picnic. The event was held on Thursday, August 26th as part of new student orientation. The Boosters also contributed \$1000. The next Staff Appreciation event is lunch/dinner during the November conferences. Contributions will be solicited from parents who have volunteered to help.

Reflections: A Chair for this committee is needed.

Publicity: A Chair for this committee is needed.

After Prom: A Chair for this committee is needed.

Pasta Dinner:

Maureen Grote is working with Serafino's for food. Dave Brown will call Betsy Thompson to get ticket sales information. Once the information has been obtained, President will send an update to the Board.

SAT Prep (Barb Chilcoat):

- Hasn't yet received number of participants for the class from Mrs. Ford.
- Will continue to promote the classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM