

**Marriotts Ridge High School**  
**PTSA Meeting**  
**November 9, 2009**  
**Marriotts Ridge HS Commons**

Irene Bademosi called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM

**In Attendance:** Irene Bademosi, Tim Ferrell, Cathy Lein, Laura Muth, Jennifer Burgy, Patrick Saunderson, Christine Crosby, Jane Jones, Will Schwarz, Kim McKay, Nanthini Balakrishnan, Jire Bademosi, Tammy Hermstein, Cindy Haller

**Minutes** from the October 12, 2009 Executive Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve as corrected (Ferrell), second (Muth). All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

**President's Report: Irene Bademosi**

- Attended a meeting on October 15 with the Board of Education. There will need to be a reduction in the 2010-2011 school year budget of approximately 10%. Currently, teacher salaries are not being changed, however staff salaries may be affected. Cuts may also (sadly) affect class size. The Board and Central Office staff is looking at ways to support current programs with economic efficiencies.
- Encourages all parents to attend parent-teacher conferences, even if things are going well.
- Is seeking a parent volunteer willing to create a bulletin board display for American Education Week.
- HCPSS thanked the MRHS PTSA for its \$800 contribution to the freshman orientation program held in August.
- Student leadership development is a very important priority.
- Would like a parent volunteer to join the SIT Team. Would like a copy of the SIT goals (Mr. Saunderson notes that these goals are posted on the MR website). Asked how SGA can help with AP Scholars.
- Would like a copy of the breakdown of AP, GR and honors classes. Mr. Saunderson noted that 65% of students attending MRHS take a least one AP, GT or honors course.
- Would like PTSA to collectively write letters of support for nominations of staff excellence awards.
- Is concerned that all pieces of mail addressed to her have been opened.
- Has decided not to attend the MD State PTA Annual Conference in Frederick.

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

- Will attend Family & Community Partnership Meeting (as PTSA representative member) on November 12. Highlights and goals include:

*Goals for 2009-2010*

1. To increase awareness of and among our student, family and community groups.
2. To plan and facilitate two student programs providing safe alternatives to unsafe

behaviors.

3. To plan and facilitate two family programs related to issues of interest to the MRHS community.

*Upcoming Events:*

- Dec. 15 Dr. Mike Fowlin: two assemblies 7,8,9 graders & 10/11/12 graders
- Student event: Feb. 5 - SGA Comedian/hypnotist
- Community event: Mustang Family Extravaganza -- Midterm Madness Festival on 1/22

*Goals set for Family and Community Programs Cohort (from the Summer Institute and other Forums)*

- Promote Sportsmanship for Families as well as Students
- Make sure all groups understand the Honor Code/Honor Initiatives
- Effectively Communicate Honor Code to all Families (Bi-Lingual Community Liaison)
- Creating a Community that you are proud of....That is honorable

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

- Attended meeting organized by Terry Chiu (sp??), hosted by BMMS, in theory as a gathering of feeder schools (from elementary level to high school) in the community to bounce ideas off each other, an informal sharing session. Only three schools sent representatives. Meeting will be rescheduled at a later date.
- Noted there was an additional \$20 in ticket sales, and \$50 in plant sales benefiting the After Prom Pasta Dinner.
- Updated members present about Make Route 32 Safe committee information. The paving/widening of Route 32 is complete. Line painting will begin next week. A meeting will be held on November 30, determining if a light should be installed anywhere on Route 32 between the turf farm and Day Road is one item on the agenda.
- Has not been asked to serve as Boosters Liaison and has not attended any Boosters meetings this year.

**Treasurer's Report: Laura Muth**

- The current income and expense statement was presented to the Board. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (Burgy), second (Crosby). All in favor, report accepted.

**Principal's Report:**

- Ian Simmons has been appointed 10<sup>th</sup> Grade representative. He will join the SGA General Assembly.
- Rhine Landscaping developed a plan for school beautification. The senior class allocated money to fund initial phase.
- Mrs. Palm, and the Culinary Arts Students, will provide baked goods to support all PTSA Hospitality events. There is a request for funding in the amount of \$125 to purchase ingredients. **Action Item:** Revisit-issue and vote on funding next meeting.
- Educator of the Year nominations are coming up. Parents are welcome to suggest person(s) they would like to have nominated.
- Agnes Meyer Outstanding Educator (Washington Post Award) nominations open in December.

- Administration will focus on making nominations for the following awards:
  - Excellent Custodian Award
  - Howie
  - Office of Professional Recognition
  - Howard County Teacher of the Year
- American Education Week will be held November 16-20
  - Building will be open to visitors all week
  - Tuesday 8:00-8:30 AM Coffee and Conversation with Principal,  
8:30-9:30 Guided Classroom Tour
  - Wednesday 12:30-1:30 Guided Classroom Tour
  - Thursday 1:45 Bus Driver Appreciation
  - Friday Honor Roll Sundaes served by Administrators and Staff during  
all lunch shifts
- Scheduling of Parent/Teacher conferences begins November 17 at 3:00 PM
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24 during the afternoons or Wednesday, November 25 all day.
- Family and Community Partnership Members include representatives from:
  - PTSA
  - Boosters
  - Music Boosters
  - SGA
  - Council of Elders
  - Business Partners
  - Bi-lingual staff
  - Student Services
  - MRHS SIT (School Improvement Team)
  - MRHS Administration

**Staff Report: Will Schwarz, Student Services Team Leader**

- It would cost \$800 to add an SAT review course to the Naviance Program. Department may request funding of this program in future years.
- Department has scrutinized how they can best serve the students. In the revamping process of what are real concerns and how they can be addressed, i.e., bullying, nurturing environment, students struggling with academics, etc.
- Staff attended a Health Department drug and alcohol awareness program conducted by Mike Gimball on Friday, November 6.
- Staff attended an emergency preparedness seminar on Friday, November 6.

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

- No activity last month.

**PTCHC Delegate Report: (written by) Laura McDonald, Presented by Barbara Ohnmacht**

- HCPSS reports that most people responding to their inquiry preferred the August 30 start date for students.
- Central Office may begin charging PTSA for heating/cooling during evening/weekend activities. This policy (#1020) has been on the books for a long time, but has never been enforced and fees had not been collected in the past.

**Student Representative Report: Kelly Burgy**

- Current report was presented to the Board. Motion to accept into Minutes (Muth), second (Crosby). All in favor, report accepted.

SGA will be conducting a canned food drive in November and a Toys for Tots campaign, in cooperation with NHS, in December.

**Committee Reports:**

**After Prom (Christine Crosby):** Final accounting for Innisbrook fundraiser not yet available. The gift-wrap was prominently displayed in the PTSA case. Chair has applied for use of space for all After Prom meetings.

**Directory (Michelle Richards):** Data from HCPSS just received this week. Next step, off to the printer.

**eScrip (Cathy Lein):** 80 people from last year have not renewed, a majority of those no longer have students attending MRHS. Chair has contacted dozens of people and asked them to renew their membership. On-line shopping through eScrip is encouraged because the school receives a percentage. Chair has sent recent blurbs through eSchoolnews to drum up new participants.

**Reflections (Jane Jones):** 19 students submitted 55 entries into this year's competition. The entries are in the process of being judged by outside judges. 4 entries from each category will move on to the county level. Awards (students moving on to the county level) will be announced during the first week in December.

**Membership (Lori Ferraro):** As of November 6, 2009, there were 1037 members.

**SAT Prep (Irene Bademosi):** Dates for March 2010 classes have been scheduled as follows: March 1, 3, 8, and 10. The fee for these classes will be \$225 per person.

**Staff Appreciation (Jennifer Burgy):** The staff appreciation committee will host a luncheon for the staff on Monday, November 23 from 3 until 4 PM while the staff is still in the building during parent/teacher conferences. 86 parent volunteers will provide food and drinks.

**Newsletter (Cindy Happel):** Production of the first printed issue is occurring now. Preferred deadline for submitting articles is this Friday, November 13.

**New Business:**

Update on HCASC and MASC (Irene and Jire Bademosi):

HCASC wants to fill the divide between parent and student groups. Motion (Ferrell) to allow President to put HCASC update by Jire Bademosi on the agenda as opportunities for leadership become available that she would like to share with the PTSA. Second (Saunderson). All in favor. Motion passed.

Relay for Life: The Western Regional Park location will hold a Relay for Life overnight from June 18-19. Jane Jones has volunteered to liaison with SGA to get a team together.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM