

**Marriotts Ridge High School**  
**PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**7:00 PM November 17th, 2008**  
**MRHS Counseling Center**

**ATTENDEES:** Jennifer Burgy, Christine Crosby, Susie Cruz, Lori Ferraro, Emily Jenkins, Cathy Lein, Rich Malt, Barbara Mayer, Pat Saunderson, Molly Shea, Lynn Schenning, Amy Tich, Kim Sherman, Tom Walker, Barbara Wrobel

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Minutes from the September meeting were approved by Lynn Schenning & Christine Crosby.

**OFFICIERS' REPORTS:**

**President:** Jennifer discussed March Madness fundraiser. She would like PTA to sponsor a "Stay-cation" basket to be raffled in March. She is requesting a \$10 donation from each board member and committee member. PTA will be giving ARL & Homewood schools each gift certificates of \$100 to be used for teacher appreciation events. On 10/21/08 Jennifer attended Community Partnership meeting which includes clubs and community members from Marriotts Ridge. Two goals were discussed one being the safety of staff and students driving on route 99 with the current start and dismissal times of MRHS and Mt.View Middle School. The second goal is to provide activities/clubs for students by community members. Jennifer also attended the Superintendents District Planning Meeting on 10/29/08. This meeting was an update on HCPSS budget. It was discussed that state funding increased only 3.3%. We will have at least three years of lean times, therefore steps are being taken to look at areas that can be cut while still gaining academic achievement and providing a safe & nurturing environment for the students.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** None

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Schenning, 990EZ form was filed with the IRS and she reviewed the monthly income and expenses.

**Recording Secretary:** None

**Corresponding Secretary:** None

**PTA Delegates:** Amy Tich, see attached notes. Most discussion was on 2009/2010 school calendar. Any comments should be sent to BOE@hcpss.org.

**Student Representatives:** Emily Jenkins – 9<sup>th</sup> grade - Silpada jewelry fundraiser from 11/3-11/21/08. Kellie Riley 11<sup>th</sup> grade-None.

**Administration Report:**

**Staff Report:** Mr. Rich Malt 9<sup>th</sup> grade team leader was present. The 9<sup>th</sup> graders went on a field trip to local gyms while 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade took the PSAT's the field trip went very well it promoted team building and wellness. Leadership mentors are working with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who need extra help and that is going very well. Mid-term madness will be held on 1/8/09 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students to explain the mid-term process.

**Principal:** Harvest for the Hungry food drive sponsored by SGA was a great success. NHS will be sponsoring toys for tots drive in December. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards went home and MRHS

student were very successful academically during the first quarter. Also MRHS had the lowest absentee rate in the county. During the latest professional development day everyone worked on the safety plan looking for ways if any to make improvements. Also had a guest speaker aimed at helping those students who are under achievers.

**Committee Reports:**

**Boosters:** Cathy Lein reported on last weeks Boosters meeting. Fundraising is a major concern with the current economy. They want to make everyone aware that Boosters not only supports sports but also arts, music and clubs. Boosters will be purchasing the Regional Champion banners for spring baseball and boys soccer. Also Boosters is looking for an additional board member to serve.

**Membership:** Susie Cruz – reported membership is down 254 members from last year.

**After Prom:** Christine Crosby reported she attended a networking meeting on 10/29/08 with other after prom representatives from other Howard County schools; security was a big concern by a lot of schools. Meetings for after prom will be starting next month and the committee is looking at holding the event at the school again next year. Prom will be 5/9/09.

**Publicity:** Jennifer reminded everyone to send all eschool newsletters request to Karen Chase at [Karen.chase@unilever.com](mailto:Karen.chase@unilever.com).

**Student/Family Programs:** MRHS has \$1,000 to spend and looking into sharing a speaker with Mt. View Middle. Also some discussion of having a career day.

**Esript:** Barbara Wrobel, received a lot of support so far this year from parents signing up for Safeway, Giant, Martins, Food Lion, and Esript. Campbell's soup label program has started.

**Staff Appreciation:** Jennifer reported that on 11/25 we would hold a "Thankful for our Staff" diner during conference week. Any donations will be welcome.

**Newsletter:** Barbara Mayer, newsletter complete and should be received by end of November. Next newsletter will be February 2009.

**Reflections:** Jennifer reported for Jane Jones, we had 13 entries and all entries moved onto the county level.

**Directory:** None

**SAT Prep:** None

**Hospitality:** thanks to the culinary arts students for providing refreshments after the NHS induction.

**New Business:** Harbin Farms, on route 99 will donate \$5 per tree sold to MRHS.

**Old Business:** still need to review Science Department grant, waiting on final information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ferraro  
PTSA Recording Secretary

