

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA Meeting
December 14, 2009
Marriotts Ridge HS Staff Lounge

Tim Ferrell called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM

In Attendance: Irene Bademosi, Tim Ferrell, Cathy Lein, Jennifer Burgy, Barbara Ohnmacht, Pat Saunderson, Nancy Czarnecki, Dan Sageman, Lori Ferraro, Jane Jones, Kelly Burgy, Jire Bademosi

Minutes from the November 9 Executive Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written (Lein), second (Ferraro). All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

President's Report: Irene Bademosi

- President attended the Staff Appreciation Luncheon held at MRHS on November 23.
- Many thanks were expressed to everyone for their hard work. Mr. Saunderson was thanked for his leadership. All Board Members and Committee Chairs were thanked for their hard work, support and cooperation. 2009 was a great year for the MRHS PTSA. Kelly Burgy was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for keeping the Board informed about the SGA and class activities so far in the year. Jire Bademosi was also thanked for attending and for volunteering for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Mr. Saunderson and staff were congratulated for the first state championship of our Varsity Boys Soccer Team.
- Will attend the January 14 New Parent Orientation with Tim Ferrell and set up a table representing the MRHS PTSA. **Action Item** – Jennifer Burgy will bring the PTSA banner to the January 11 meeting.
- Will send a blurb to Mrs. Burdick reminding community members that a contribution to MRHS PTSA would be made for every tree purchased at Harbin Farms this holiday season, to be published on eSchoolnewsletter.

First Vice President's Report: Tim Ferrell

- Funding request from Wellness Committee withdrawn.
- Presently working with the Family and Community Partnership Committee to coordinate a family event to be held at MRHS on Friday, January 22 at the end of mid-term exams. Activities for the evening will include a 3-on-3-basketball tournament, a film festival of short films shown in the auditorium, 3 large inflatables (moon bounce, etc), and a karaoke machine. The evening's events will create a safe place to carry on.

Second Vice President's Report: Cathy Lein

- The Make Route 32 Safe Committee met on December 1. The SHA has finished striping on Route 32. Evaluation study indicates approximately 26,000 cars travel the Route 32 corridor every day, and 95% of those cars are commuters from Carroll County. Furthermore, the study indicates that a stoplight is not warranted at either the intersection

of Day or River Roads and Route 32. The average speed of cars traveling on Route 32 has been reduced due to installation of a center turn lane, resulting in more narrow travel lanes.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Muth

- Report submitted electronically to Board Members on December 13. Motion to accept Monthly Activity Report (Burgy), second (Bademosi). All in favor. Treasurer's Report accepted unanimously.

PTCHC Delegate Report: Barbara Ohnmacht

- The Howard County PTA Council cautions all local chapter Board Members to use caution with the content of their written e-mails.

Student Representative Report: Kelly Burgy and Kellie Riley

- The number of cans of food collected during the canned food drive was better than expected.
- Approximately 740 donations have been received for the Toys-for-Tots program to date. The 3rd period class that collects the most donations will receive a Chick-Fil-A lunch. The Toys-for-Tots drive is a combined effort between the SGA, NHS and the Athletic Leadership Council.
- The Class of 2011 held a Prom fundraiser Dirt Sale last Friday (pudding, Oreo cookies, gummy worms). A proposed theme for Prom, still under consideration by Administration, is Arabian Nights.

Administration's Report: Patrick Sauderson

- Thanked PTSA/Boosters for Staff Appreciation Luncheon.
- Mrs. Jane Jones was thanked for chairing the Reflections Committee, and for coordinating the brief awards ceremony.
- The band, choral, dance, jazz cabaret, guitar, and orchestra concerts have all been held recently.
- Dr. Mykee arrives tomorrow. He will be talking with students about acceptance and diversity, embracing differences and similarities in cultures. The morning program will be held from 8:30 until 10 for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. The afternoon program will be held from 12:30 until 2 for the 7th and 8th grade students from Mount View and the 9th grade students at MRHS.
- County Council members presented a trophy for the MRHS Boys 1st Place Soccer State Title.
- January 8 course catalogs for the 2010-2011 year will be distributed.
- January 26 class registration forms for the 2010-2011 year will be distributed.
- January 14 Student /Parent Orientation for incoming 9th grade students. Program will be open to the Community.
 - 6:00 – 7:00 Open house with the Principal, PTSA, Boosters, Clubs, Athletics, Drama, Music all these organizations will have a table exhibit in a Fair atmosphere.
 - 7:00 – 9:00 a program strictly about academics will be held.

- January 22 Family Community Partnership Mid-Term Madness. Evening program for fun at the end of mid-term exams.
- January 5 Mid-term Mania program for parents (of primarily 9th grade students) to explain the mid-term exam process.
- December 22 MRHS will hold the H1N1 Virus Vaccination Clinic (snow date January 6). Approximately 450 MRHS students will receive the vaccination.
- 98% of our US History students passes the quarterly assessment. 100% of Earth Science students passed the quarterly assessment.

Staff Report: Nancy Czarnecki, English Instructional Team Leader, And Professional Development Leader

- The English Department has partnered with HCC. Recently, staff from HCC visited MRHS and conducted Accuplacer testing to all 11th grade, on-grade-level, students. HCC and Towson both accept the results of these tests for college readiness of students. After taking the test, students received feedback from staff about their college readiness. MRHS staff also received copies of the report. A College Preparedness course will be offered next year as an elective.
- HoCo Poetry and Literature Society, in partnership with the Howard County Public School System, sent a poet in November who spoke with approximately 70 senior students. A Shakespeare Troupe visited MRHS last week and held a program for middle school students. In return for hosting the event, MRHS was asked to select 40 students for a one-hour workshop.
- 9th grade students at MRHS ranked 2nd in the County in HSA test scores.
- English Department teachers agree that students coming from Mount View arrive at MRHS well prepared to handle the curriculum.

Staff Report: Daniel Sageman, Science Instructional Team Leader, Athletic Leadership Council Co-Sponsor, Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach

- The MRHS Science Fair will be held on January 26. There has been great response from members of the community willing to serve as judges.
- The Science Department instructors are very please with the County Assessment scores.
 - Biology and Chemistry scores were double-digit higher than county average.
 - Intervention programs for students who scored lower than 60% are already in place. 4 or 5 individual sessions are held for each of approximately 15 students.
 - Another intervention program will be held in late April/early May just before the HSA's are administered.
- New County Guidelines. The Science Department will administer 1st and 3rd quarter assessments as in the past. 2nd quarter assessments will be counted, in part, towards mid-term grades. 4th quarter assessments MAY be counted towards the final exam grade.
- Co-Sponsors the Athletic Leadership Council with Mrs. Grey
 - Students who received a varsity letter prior to the fall were eligible to apply by writing a short essay. There are 66 members.
 - Accepted students must:
 - keep grades up, no E's, and maintain a 2.0 GPA
 - not get any referral slips

- attend a 2-hour leadership program clinic which outlines the qualities of being a leader in school and out of school
- The application process MAY be opened again in the spring.

Committee Reports:

Directory: No report. President and 1st Vice President will ask Chair to investigate electronic directory for next year.

eScrip (Cathy Lein): Currently over budget by approximately \$500 after the first three months of school. Is promoting the use of eScrip auto rewards for holiday on-line shopping. Information about this program is being sent out on nearly a daily basis on eSchoolnewsletter.

Membership (Lori Ferraro): 1046 members to date. Surpassed last year's number of 961.

Staff Appreciation (Jennifer Burgy): The November Conference Luncheon was very well attended and many staff have expressed their thanks. The next event hosted by this Committee will be during the Parent/Teacher conferences in February.

Newsletter: Still working on updating articles. Target mail date is December 22. Newsletter can be submitted electronically to Print Shop and Mr. Burdick will pick up the completed product.

Reflections (Jane Jones): Marriotts Ridge High School had 18 students who entered works in the 2009-2010 PTSA Reflections competition. Fourteen of those students will have their works go on to compete against other high schools in the county. Congratulations to all students who participated. A complete listing of students who participated and any awards they received is attached to the original hard copy of these Minutes.

Hospitality: May be asked to provide refreshments and/or monetary assistance for the January 14 new parent/student orientation.

SAT Prep Course: Courses are being advertised in Student Service News. Enrollment is down from last year. **Action Item** – President will request feedback from Student Services about Gagnon program. Are we teaching test-taking skills or do we want a program that teaches content?

Boosters News: Currently concentrating efforts on March Madness fundraising event.

New Business:

- Issue of funding for the January 22 Family Fun Night was tabled until specific dollar amounts are received.

- **Special Report Update on HCASC and MASC (Jire Bademosi):** Currently working with Central Office staff to ensure PPW's know about the MCASC family "adoption" program. Working on brochures and flyers explaining what HCASC role is. Two representatives from HCASC attended the PTA Council meeting. Working on advocacy issues. Will Bowman, a MRHS student, serves on the Convention Planning Committee.

- Jire Bademosi suggested that tutoring students for the mid-term helped her in 9th grade and requested that Mr. Saunderson re-introduce that program.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM