

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
3:00 PM December 15th, 2008
MRHS Volunteer Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Burgy, Christine Crosby, Eric Ebersole, Lori Ferraro, Dia Hernandez, Jane Jones, Cathy Lein, Karyn Littlejohn, Kellie Riley, Dan Sageman, Pat Saunderson, Molly Shea, Lynn Schenning, Tom Walker, Rita Morsberger

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM. Dia Hernandez & Christine Crosby approved minutes from the November meeting.

OFFICIERS' REPORTS:

President: Jennifer reported that the staff appreciation gifts were sent to ARL and Homewood School. We received a thank-you note from them and also from the Science department thanking us for the grant. Jennifer also discussed safety issues, speed limit on route 99 and the start time of Mt. View Middle. She wrote to PTA Council of Howard County asking for their assistance, if needed in the future, in making these changes happen. She indicated that dealing with HCPSS about making additional time between MRHS and MVMS start times is best handled by Mr. Saunderson. Jennifer received a letter from the highway administration stating that they will conduct a traffic study to be completed February 2009.

1st Vice President: Dia Hernandez attended the last Boosters meeting. PTA and Boosters will be splitting the cost of purchasing \$25 gift certificates for the custodial staff as a holiday gift. Dia is still looking for a motivational speaker.

2nd Vice President: **None**

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Schenning, reviewed the monthly income and expenses as of December 12th. The SAT Prep course money was received. Lynn asked that Christine talk with Debbie Stout about the wrapping paper fundraiser, its looks like we haven't received all the money we should have based on the anticipated profit.

Recording Secretary: **None**

Corresponding Secretary: **None**

PTA Delegates: Tom Walker reported the council held a brain storming session. The issues that were of biggest concern were traffic and healthy lunches; these items will be looked into this year.

Student Representatives: Emily Jenkins – 9th grade -none. Kellie Riley 11th grade- they are busy planning the prom.

Administration Report:

Staff Report: Mr. Dan Sageman, science department chair. Mr. Sageman reported that all seniors have passed the Biology HSA requirements. Science fair will be held January 28, 2009 and they are still looking for judges. Maryland Bio Lab is coming to MRHS on 1/29 & 1/30 providing science students the opportunity to try several different labs. The HSA will be given in May and the science department will identify kids that need extra help and will be working with them after school.

Mr. Eric Ebersole, math department chair. Mr. Ebersole would like to thank PTA for the math grant. Algebra HSA, we have two seniors that need pass along with 2 juniors and 6 sophomores. Math department will hold Math Madness in March to help students prepare for the HSA. The MRHS Math

team recently placed 1st in the county at the last meet. They are in 2nd place for the year, great job to the students.

Principal: Mr. Saunderson reported that a reception was held for all the Reflections winners. Thanks to Jane Jones for her work on Reflections, it was a great success this year. The staff appreciation diner was great as always. Conferences were held before Thanksgiving and we had over 400 families attend. Winter music concerts were held last week and they were amazing, the talent that we have at MRHS is truly outstanding. Toys for Tots toy drive is still going on until 12/16/08. Winter sports starts this month, and we are looking forward to another great winter of sports. Family & Community Partnership meeting was held, a lot of good ideas have been shared; good decision making, bus arrivals, Route 99 traffic, changing Mt.View start time. The Looking-Out club has received a grant to allow for studying Route 99 traffic. Scheduling for freshman, sophomores & juniors classes for next year will begin in January.

Committee Reports:

Boosters: Dia Hernandez, nothing else to add

Membership: Susie Cruz – reported membership currently 941 members, projections were 898.

After Prom: Christine Crosby reported meeting was held 12/9/08. Committee is starting to discuss the theme for after party. Next meeting will be 1/16/09. Prom will be 5/9/09.

Publicity: Jennifer reminded everyone to send all eschool newsletters request to Karen Chase at Karen.chase@unilever.com.

Student/Family Programs: None

Esript: None

Staff Appreciation: Jennifer reported that on 11/25 we held a “Thankful for our Staff” diner during conference week.

Newsletter: Jennifer reported Barbara sent newsletter out the end of November. Next newsletter will be February 2009, deadline is 1/30/09. Thanks to Barbara it was a great newsletter.

Reflections: Jane Jones, we had 13 entries and all entries moved onto the county level on 1/22/09. All winners were given a \$15 gift card.

Directory: Karyn Littlejohn reported directory is in print shop and will be ready to go home after winter break.

SAT Prep: None

Hospitality: Jennifer reported hospitality provided lunch last week to the Chinese Principals that came to MRHS.

New Business: Jennifer welcomed Rita Morsbeger, to our PTA meeting today. Rita has a child that may attend MRHS next year.

Old Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 4:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ferraro
PTSA Recording Secretary