

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM September 15, 2008
MRHS Counseling Center

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Burgy, Christine Crosby, Mark Dubbs, Lori Ferraro, Dia Hernandez, Cathy Lein, Karyn Littlejohn, Barbara Mayer, Pat Saunderson, Lynn Schenning, Mollie Shea, Kim Sherman, Amy Tich, Tom Walker, Barbara Wrobel

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

OFFICIERS' REPORTS:

President: Jennifer Burgy sent out letters to the department heads informing them of the availability of a \$300 grant for each department. These grants must first be submitted to Pat Saunderson for approval then to the PTSA. Jennifer also sent out email to Gay Burdick, Principal's Secretary, requesting an eSchoolnewsletter be sent out indicating the PTSA was seeking a student representative for the 2008/2009 PTSA. We would like to have each grade represented they will be accepted on a first come first serve. Meeting dates for 08/09 PTSA meetings will be 10/20, 11/17, 12/15 and 1/20/09. The January meeting may change to 1/12/09. All requests for information to be sent out via eschool newsletter must be sent to Karen Chase who will then forward to Gay Burdick. Back to School Night received great feedback. Jennifer updated Committee Chairs, only Chair still needed is Hospitality. By-Laws have been updated and approved through 5/6/2011. Jennifer would like the PTSA to send out thank you notes to families who make charitable contributions, Molly Shea will send out the notes. HC Drug Free requested a donation from the PTSA, no line item in the budget for this so we will hold off on making decision until later in the school year.

1st Vice President: Dia Hernandez reported on booster meeting held on 8/27, most of discussion was on requesting volunteers.

2nd Vice President: Cathy Lein reported on booster meeting held on 9/10, handed out treasurer's report, still looking for volunteers for concessions, adds for falls sports programs are being requested and Jilly's dining for dollars night is 9/16.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Schenning reviewed line items of budget, which was approved at Back to School Night.

Recording Secretary: Nothing

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing

PTA Delegates: Amy Tich reported on September meeting, each PTA needs to submit audit reports by 10/1. Volunteers are needed by county PTA and HC drug fee. All other information is included in attached document submitted by Amy.

Administration Report:

Staff Report: Mark Dubbs, Head of Social Studies Department, SGA and Golf coach reported MRHS social studies department offers more classes than any other high school in Howard County. AP scores for the May 2008 tests were well above average. SGA has a new structure for this year allowing more kids to get involved by having representatives for each organization and classes. Spirit week will be 10/6-10/11 with Homecoming being held on Saturday 10/11. The theme for this year is “Blast from the Past” with activities being planned for each day.

Principal: Pat Saunderson thanked PTA for hosting Back to School Night. Very excited about the school year and has some new programs this year:

- 1- Mentoring Program
- 2- Leadership Academy run by Mr. Parsons & Mr. Courtney
- 3- SGA changing structure

On 10/12 the 9th & 10th graders will have a guest speaker on “Cool Alternatives to Bad Choices”.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susie Cruz not present but reported, “lots” of memberships so far this year.

After Prom: Christine Crosby reported gift-wrap fundraiser coming to an end this week. Pasta diner will be held on 10/9 getting lots of donations this year from various local businesses. Tickets will be on sale the week of homecoming.

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

Student/Family Programs: No report

Esript: Barbara Wrobel, received a lot of support so far this year from parents signing up for Safeway, Giant, Martins, Food Lion, and Esript.

Staff Appreciation: Jennifer reported Back to School Luncheon was held for staff on 8/21. Other luncheons for the year will be in November, May and June.

Newsletter: Barbara Mayer will look at dates and let us know when the deadlines will be.

Reflections: Jennifer reported Jane Jones will chair and is working on sending letter to staff to encourage kids to participate.

Directory: Karyn Littlejohn would like to include parent’s email and students grade level in directory this year. Karyn would like to have directory ready to distribute earlier than later, hopefully during November.

SAT Prep: Kim Sherman reported first SAT class started on 9/11 with 60 kids signed up and 10 more expected to sign up this week.

Hospitality: Jennifer reported there are four upcoming Student Service events, senior night, junior night, sophomore night and freshman night, and offered Hospitality support to Mr. Schwarz.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ferraro
PTSA Recording Secretary