

Marriotts Ridge High School
PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
4:00 PM March 11, 2008
MRHS Counseling Center

Attendees: Rosalie Bowen, Mary Brindisi, Jennifer Burgy, Susie Cruz, Bill Eikenberg, Caroline Kessler, Karyn Littlejohn, Barbara Mayer, Pat Saunderson, Lynn Schenning, Tom Walker, Barbara Wrobel, Elly Kokes.

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. In the absence of Recording Secretary, Kathy Martin, the minutes were taken by Mary Brindisi.

After a review of the minutes of the February 5th meeting, a correction was made that Mary Ann Eikenberg was in attendance at the meeting. A motion was made by Barbara Mayer to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer reported that she had been in contact with the HCO student film festival group informing them that we could not make a contribution as one non-profit group cannot contribute money to another non-profit group. Jennifer stated that she would be publicizing the need for two additional members for the PTSA Nominating Committee which consists of three members. Barbara Mayer has agreed to serve on this committee.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barbara Mayer had no new news to report.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mary Brindisi had no new news to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Eikenberg updated the board on the finances for the PTSA for the previous month. Bill stated that we have approximately \$6,000 uncommitted. There are still several Academic Grants that have not been requested by individual departments. Mr. Saunderson will alert the departments that the Academic Grants requests are available until April 1st. Bill also reported that the MD Sales tax form and the MD State tax returns have been filed.

DIRECTORY: The student directories are being sold at The Hitching Post. There are 10 additional corrected directories in the Parent Volunteer Room.

RECORDING SECRETARY: No report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jennifer reported that Mollie Shea had sent condolence cards to Mr. Ault, Ms. Lather, and Ms. Zielenski.

PTAC DELEGATES: Tom Walker reported that Amy Tich had attended the last meeting. Council by-laws were discussed, as well as scholarships sponsored by the Ho Co PTA Council. A Healthy School survey was being done on schools which involved a "walk-through" the buildings.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Caroline Kessler reported on many of the activities that had taken place during the last month at MRHS. Some of those included:

- Multi-Cultural Day
- Blood Drive (with a blood mobile present)
- Math, Science, Technology Fair
- AP Exam registration (with continuing AP prep nights on Mondays and Wednesdays)
- Looking-Out Club which sponsored a Black Out Day (students dressed in black, with faces painted white to show how many students were killed in auto accidents.)
- Class Acts –Seniors won!
- Switch Day to be held the day before Spring Break (3/14) where seniors switch with a teacher/staff member. 42 students had signed contracts to participate.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Mr. Saunderson stated that they were working on staffing for next school, hoping to hire 4 new staff members. The current student population is 1,205 and is projected to be 1,230 for Fall, 2008. Mr. Saunderson also reported that 35 MRHS students were represented in their artwork currently being displayed at the Central Office location. Brian Kim was our grand prize winner for the Science Fair and will have his project going to the state competition. The FBLA regional competition was held at MRHS. Under the direction of Reg Hahne, the MRHS group placed 2nd and will next be represented at the state level.

Mustang Madness (held 3/9/08) was a huge success. The seniors, and staff, are gearing up for the many Senior Activities planned for our very first graduating class, and a calendar of events for Seniors will be sent out.

Elly Kokes, speaking on behalf of the Baccalaureate Committee, requested that the MRHS PTSA sponsor the Baccalaureate ceremony with a date of Sunday, May 18th. The event is planned to be an intimate ceremony in the MRHS Auditorium with speakers, an ongoing slide show, skits, and dances. Refreshments would also be provided. Further discussion will be done in Executive Session.

Mrs. Bowen reported that a Bus Evacuation drill was held this morning for our 22 busses. This is to be done twice a year. She stated that the origami presentation at the Multi-Cultural Day was a big success. The AP Exam registration to date was 72 students for 155 exams in 23 subjects.

A Special Education representative was unable to attend today's meeting, but would be at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Susie Cruz reported that there are 3 new memberships, bringing the total to 1,153 members!

After Prom: Karyn Littlejohn reported that all committees are in place. The theme is "Viva Las Vegas." There will be a waiver of liability, signed by a student and his/her parent. A parent will be called if a student chooses to leave After Prom between the

hours of 12:00 – 4:30 AM. The new moniker is now “AFTER PROM EVENT” (APE) or just “THE EVENT” which has an upbeat feel and no mention of a party. The committee would like to have the Corresponding Secretary assist in writing thank-you cards to some of the gift contributors.

At this time a closed Executive Session took place to discuss the proposed Baccalaureate sponsorship. No minutes are recorded.

Hospitality: Refreshments were provided for the College Symposium night.

E-Scrip/A+: Barbara Wrobel reported that we are signed up for Martin’s program. \$635.50 was earned on the Giant program.

Boosters: Sports Camp Flyers are ready advertising camps for 6 – 8th graders. The Golf Outing is set for June—the event this year will be early --having breakfast and lunch following. There will be more Driver’s Ed classes available.

Staff Appreciation: Two events left.

Newsletter: Deadline is Friday, March 14th for the next issue.

SAT Prep: Class are finished for the year. 24 students were in the latest class which should benefit PTSA approximately \$480.

Old Business: Academic Department Grant for Information Services (Media); Additional information was provided that the camera will be a desk top one, and the price will be \$400 - \$480. A motion was made and seconded to provide the full \$300. grant. Motion passed.

New Business: By-laws: If no revisions, by-laws can be submitted as is. If any changes, they must be approved by the PTSA. May is the deadline. Two feeder schools to MRHS asked if students could get together at a planned event with the Mount View students during the Springtime for an smooth transition from 8th grade to high school. This should be doable.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Brindisi
MRHS PTSA 2nd Vice President