

MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO February 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Molly Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 8:50 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Laura Gerberick moved to accept the minutes as written, which was seconded by Nina Iredale and the motion passed.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Katie Peters

- Katie reported on the Snowball Dance held in the gym this year, which seemed well received by the students. The Pasta for Pennies fundraiser will be taking place March 5-23 to benefit Kyla Tripp, an Ursuline student.

TEACHER REPORT – Debbie Keefe

- Debbie reported the staff also is collecting for Kyla Tripp. The annual Blood Drive is being held March 1, 2012 at the high school. Parents are invited to donate; the event is being held in the Auxiliary Gym from 8am to 2:30 pm. Adults will be moved to the front of the line for donations. The teachers are making recommendations for classes for next year. The 8th grade open house is being held February 27th at the high school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Paul Imhoff

- Paul reported that the new building construction and renovations are on schedule. In April there will be a day where the buildings will be open to tour.
- The state of the school finances was discussed, with a levy needed in 2014. Due to working with surrounding school districts to save money on expenses, this has been pushed off an additional year.
- Paul gave an overview of the state reforms coming for the school districts. There are to be math and language arts standards developed on a national level with the government and state superintendent groups giving input. The new assessments are proposed for school year 2014/2015. The Mariemont district is ahead of most of the proposed changes to the standards. The state reforms are also to include teacher evaluations to be at least 50% based on student achievement; in addition, teacher compensation will be based on achievement results. There is also a group looking at teacher compensation with the healthcare industry being used as a format. There will be committees to work on compensation and evaluation from the neighborhoods as the time gets closer—this would apply for 2015/2016.
- At the last Board of Education meeting the school calendar was adjusted to extend the year one day. The school calendar for the 2013/2014 school year is being created and there will be some community input requested recognizing the changes needed due to the facilities construction/renovation.

COUNSELOR'S REPORT – Pam Tackett and Amanda Lesczuc

- The counselors attended the meeting to give an overview of what is currently taking place in the guidance department.
- Pam discussed what is taking place with the 9th and 10th graders in the guidance department. The 9th graders are working on career guidance in meetings with Pam. The 10th graders are looking at career websites and

at classes required for certain majors. The Plan Test results have been mailed and Pam will be meeting with students to go over the results, with an email to follow. On March 21st there is to be an early college planning meeting for 9th and 10th grade parents.

- Amanda reported on guidance issues for 11th and 12th graders. To help facilitate the college application process, the English teachers will be assisting with college essays as a part of classes. For the 12th graders, so far this year there have been 340 college applications sent. For upcoming seniors, there will be a college application workshop put on by the counselors August 27th and 28th which will consist of 3 hour workshops for students to work on college applications. There will be admission counselors from Xavier University and the University of Alabama to help with the workshop, where the students will work on common applications. There was a suggestion that high school graduates from the district that are now in college come to the school to talk about the Advanced Placement program and the effect on college classes required.
- Amanda reported the district is looking into K-12 grade bullying programs.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- Jim reported that the Board of Education is to occupy office space in the high school in late April/May.
- The district will continue to offer dual credit classes with UC; the students will no longer have to pay to participate in this program. Classes include Algebra III, CP Calculus, CP and Honors Pre-calculus and Honors biology and chemistry. Jim discussed students may be pretested for math to ascertain if it is beneficial to be in the program. Signups take place in 2 weeks, with the grades for the second semester; it is to be noted the 3rd and 4th quarter grades are averaged and reported, and then the exam grade is reported separately. There is a place on the college applications where the grades are to be included. Janis Dietz found some colleges only accept credits for classes taken by high school students on college campuses.
- Daily announcements are being posted on the TVs in the commons at lunchtime for the students. Also announcements can be emailed to parents and/or students.
- There is an in-service day on February 17th. The PTO sponsored Julius Caesar play will be February 15th.
- There was discussion regarding the shared AP classes with Indian Hill High School. In addition there was discussion regarding the AP class schedules and need to adjust for starting school later due to the construction projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AFTER PROM – No Report

CAR CONTROL CLINIC – Nina Iredale

- The next car control clinic will be held March 1st from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for the classroom portion with the driving to take place Saturday/Sunday in Indian Hill. Flyers will be sent to parents.

FLOWER FUNDRAISER – Mary Beth York

- There was approximately \$220 of profit from flower sales for the Snowball Dance.

KROGER FUNDRAISING – Sandra Taylor

- Sandra has Kroger gift cards available for purchase. Also, the cards can be used for purchase fuel at the new facility on Wooster Pike.

SCHOLARSHIP – Beth Flynn

- This committee is looking for representatives from Williams Meadow and Fairfax to serve on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Molly is working on filling board and committee chair positions for next year; please let her know if you are interested in continuing with an existing position or would like to help next year.
- A committee chair to work on plan books is needed as the books will need to be ordered in early April.
- There is no committee to work on the Senior Video project; Molly will send an email with details of what the committee needs to do.
- Mariemont is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year.
- The documentary Race to Nowhere is being shown at Wyoming February 12th.
- Kathy Deadrick reported on Annie, which is the spring musical at the high school March 16-18. The ticket form will be forthcoming.
- Teacher requests were submitted, with up to \$6,000 budgeted. The department requests total as follows:

Social Studies	\$195.13
Science	\$1,263
Fine Arts	\$1,210.75
Library	\$398
English	\$1,027.95
Math	\$899.95
Guidance	\$195
Foreign Language	\$734.32

Laura Gerberick made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Joan Vago.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary