

MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO October 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Molly Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Nina Iredale moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Susan Peck and the motion passed.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Paul Imhoff

- Paul was unable to attend the meeting but asked Jim to announce on November 16th there will be a State of the Schools meeting at the Fairfax Rec Center.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – No Report

TEACHER REPORT – No Report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- Jim reported on Mary Halsall's progress and that she has skyped into the classroom. Mary is working with Julie McNeal, who is the substitute teacher, to keep the students on track with the curriculum.
- There is an on-going dialogue on the student's use of technology with a panel of students every 2/3 months. The students work with the administration on solutions to issues that arise.
- Jim reported the J pod where the home ec and foreign language classrooms are located is going to be renovated and the home ec room re-purposed due to changes in the curriculum. On October 17th there will be a meeting with the teachers and architects to determine the best use of the space.
- The Board of Education offices are going to be moved into the High School in January due to high utility costs at the Junior High School. The proposed location is in the fine arts/woodworking room in the area behind the auditorium. Construction work will be performed by district workers to reduce costs.
- The faculty will have an in service day October 17th. Topics for the meetings will include Google applications, co-teaching techniques and flipped classrooms.
- The dual credit program whereby Mariemont Students "purchase" University of Cincinnati credits program may be changing. Currently classes able to participate in the program include Honors Biology, Chemistry, Algebra III and Pre-Calculus. UC would like the students to take the classes on a UC campus, not at the High School. This would entail providing/coordinating transportation, which may not be advantageous for the district. Jim will have more information on this in the future.
- Administrators have been performing "walk throughs" whereby classrooms are visited and students are asked "whats and whys" of what is being taught. The staff is trying to assess critical thinking and higher learning skills; they are trying to assess whether students understand what they are being taught. The staff is working with the administrators to facilitate this project.
- Jim has been talking with teachers regarding not assigning homework to students over winter and spring breaks. Teachers have been receptive to not

assigning work at these times; due to time constraints as relates to the amount of material that is required to be taught for the AP classes, this will not apply.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Judy Lehman

- Judi reported PTO exceeded the goal on the fundraiser and dance, which helps to offset the lower than expected amount raised by the directories.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOSPITALITY – Erika Hinebaugh

- The teachers will be provided with donuts and cider for early dismissal.

SPIRIT SHOP – Susan Malone

- New merchandise is available for sale with hours Friday 11am to 1pm on Fridays as well as at some sports games.

KROGER CARDS – Sandra Taylor

- Sandra will deliver to those who wish to purchase a card.

CONSUMER SURVEYS – Molly Stewart for Jamie Keyes

- The first consumer survey will be Wednesday November 30th with multiple time slots available; call Jamie Keyes for times.

FLOWER FUNDRAISING – No Report

VISION & SCREENING – Roseann Hassey

- Vision and Hearing screening is taking place today.

WEB PAGE DEVELOPER – No Report

SNACK BAR – No Report

NEW BUSINESS

- The district is updating the website, so any changes that are desired can be forwarded to Betsy Porst.
- The Warrior Run will take place October 8th at 5:00 pm starting at the Mariemont Bell Tower.
- Molly Stewart discussed whether the PTO should continue to have evening meetings every other month. Attendees said it was advantageous for people who work and cannot attend morning meetings.
- The fall play is Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead with performances November 17th through 19th in the auditorium. Ticket information will be on the website. There are 19 students in the play.

OLD BUSINESS

- Homecoming coordinators are Missy Osgood, Sybil Schooler, Laura Guggenheim and Lisa Shelley.

Kathy Deadrick made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Denise Scholtz.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary

