MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO
January 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Erika Hinebaugh welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 8:45 am.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Paul Imhoff

- After the Sandy Hook shooting, Paul met with administrators and fire and police to review the school safety plans. In February, the staff will receive training on safety procedures. The State of Ohio passed a law to keep school safety plans confidential so please do not contact the school for details.
- At the end of January the district will launch the bully prevention program and information will be sent home to parents.
- Paul thanked the Mariemont School Foundation for the $50,000+ donation to fund the college and career-planning department. An additional $20,000 is being received from an additional foundation.

TEACHER REPORT – Debbie Keefe

- NHS is collecting blankets, mittens, hats, and scarves for the Warm Hands Warm Hearts fundraiser.
- Registration has taken place for the Dual Credit courses and due to the change at UC from quarters to semesters; the credits will transfer more easily.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Allie Frey

- Twenty-six children benefited from the toy drive in December. The Snowball Dance has changed to an informal dance after a basketball game on January 25th. The Pennies for Patients fundraiser will be coming up in the spring. Holiday Fair went well this year.

GUIDANCE REPORT – Pam Tackett

- Amanda reported that approximately 400 high school transcripts have been sent to colleges this year with an average of 4 applications per student. At the Financial Aid meeting the counselors held in December they explained it is easier to get financial aid with multiple kids in college. The Student Aid Report explains what aid is available for families. Amanda is meeting with Juniors individually to discuss the college process and would like students to check email for scholarship programs. The PSAT results were mailed to parents and wrong answers can be checked and the test reviewed. The AP Bulletin will be mailed home to families of students taking AP classes; the schedule for AP tests is on Naviance or Amanda can be contacted for dates. The counselors plan to hold the college application workshop in August for students. Xavier University will hold a college fair in April.
- Pam reported the PLAN test results would be sent home to sophomore families in the next few weeks. Course registration for next year will take place February 20 – March 1. The end of year exam schedule is available. The deadline to register for flex credit classes for next year is June 1. The bully prevention program was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Roseann Hayes moved to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Susan Malone and the motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- Jim thanked the foundation for the college career center and space needs are being considered. The space will be built over the summer and personnel hired for next year. The school is interested in parent priorities for the center.
- For the next parent/teacher conferences, the number of slots will be increased due to demand for certain teachers. Next year the school plans to return to holding exams before the Christmas break. The ERB CPT4 report results have been received with parent reports to be sent home with report cards.
- Blackboard is in place and teachers are learning the management software. Parents should be able to access the parent portal in second quarter with course information and class assignments. Grades will remain on Progressbook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KROGERS – Erika Hinebaugh for Sandra Taylor

- In the second quarter, $2,244.16 was received from Kroger with 18 families participating.

LADIES NIGHT – Molly Stewart

- The first annual MHS PTO Ladies Night will be held Thursday March 7th with a fashion show and boutique shopping. More details will be discussed at the February meeting.

CONSUMER SURVEYS – Dawn Harden

- The November 8th product survey raised $734 for PTO.

NEW BUSINESS

- There is a new expense reimbursement and money submission form to use for PTO.
- Erika requested the teachers fill out the Teacher Request forms for PTO funding; the budget for is $6,000.
- There is a search for an assistant principal taking place with duties being defined.
- Jim Renner reported Paul Imhoff is creating committees to look at the current grading scale, junior high to high school credits, and cum laude credits; more information will be forthcoming.

Molly Stewart made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Lisa Jones.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary