Mariemont High School PTO Meeting

Friday, March 06, 2015

Attendance: Gerri Gatch, Nan Dill, Astrid Michels, Vanessa Chu, Dina Wilder, Amy Weiss, Patty Stahl, Maria Borgerding, Heather Hobart

Welcome: Patty Stahl welcomed everyone and the meeting began at 8:45am

Superintendent's Report –

- Steve Estepp reported that the district is keeping a close eye on the state budget and related funding for education. Parents are encouraged to reach out to state legislators and voice our opinion on the importance of state funding.
- Gerri Gatch thanked Steve for the support of the Arts Audit. The audit evaluates where Mariemont School District is in relation to other districts with art classes and programs offered.

Counselor's Report –

- Amanda reported that there are two career chats coming up.
- Amanda met with all of the freshman regarding Naviance
- Amanda is meeting with all Juniors. Meetings are going well.
- March 10 – evening on College Credit Plus program at the Princeton Professional Center.
- College planning program for parents of Freshman and Sophomores is March 18 at 7pm and March 19 at 9am.
- Information regarding local scholarships will be distributed to Seniors and forms are due April 8th.
- May 1st is college signing day in the Commons from 7:14-7:45am.
- April 16th at 7pm. – Changes in PSAT and SAT meeting for Freshman and Sophomores
- Pam met with 9th and 10th graders regarding school progress so far.
- Respect Retreat went well for 10th graders.
- Outdoor lunches will start soon.
- It was brought up by parents that assignments are posted on Blackboard past 4pm which is difficult for students to manage. Dr. Renner will remind the teachers to try to post assignment changes by 4pm.
- A parent asked if a "Life Skills" class would be held for the students to prepare them for college. Parents were welcome to submit ideas for discussion as there will be a presentation to Seniors this spring. A "Healthy Transitions" class is also offered.

Principal's Report

- Dr. Renner spoke about College Credit Plus and the AP classes offered by the district. The district pays for classes taken at universities and colleges through College Credit Plus. Logistically it is difficult for students to do this and not many take advantage of it.

- Next summer reading will include a book that all high school students read and discuss in the fall.
- Strings Concert is rescheduled to March 25th.
- There is a problem with Google usage if You Tube is blocked. Google Docs works if You Tube is unblocked so the school is going to try to allow You Tube. The school will pilot unblocking You Tube and it will be evaluated to see if there is a negative effect on students.
- A parent asked about the sidewalk by the library parking lot has not been shoveled. The library will be asked to shovel.

- A parent asked about the dismissal procedure. A longer traffic light, police to monitor traffic, etc. will be brought up with the mayor.

Teacher's Report

- Julie Bell thanked the PTO for the Wish List funding
- A former student spoke to Spanish classes about how taking Spanish helped in his career which included the Peace Corp and being an interpreter.
- AFS Dinner is March 12th
- Kim Richardson shared that 3 photography students were selected for a Photo Contest. They will be featured in an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Approval of Minutes

Nan Dill approved. Dina Wilder seconded.

Treaurer Report

Dina is working on taxes. Money is coming in for After Prom.

Committee Reports – no news to report

New Business

Consumer Survey on May 12th

PTO positions for next year are available. Check with Maria or Amy.

B&B Riverboats have been reserved for the "After Graduation Party" for the Seniors.

Adjournment

9:45 am - Meeting adjourned. Motion submitted by Dina Wilder and seconded by Maria Borgerding.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Weiss.-