Mariemont High School PTO
April 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:
Roseann Hayes, Jen Fiorenza, Patty Stahl, Denise Scholtz, Dina Walter, Maria Borgerding, Hester Sullivan, Mary Beth York, Erika Hinebaugh, Susie Weinland, Vanessa Chu, Molly Stewart

WELCOME – Denise Scholtz

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – None

TEACHER REPORT – Julie Bell:

- Kim Richardson congratulates Colin Widecan for being a state photography contest winner.
- Mr. Wolford has had many speakers in his AP Government class including: Hamilton County Prosecutor, District Judge, Asst. U.S. Attorney, Public Defender, various judges, Hamilton County Sheriff's deputy, UC Law School Innocence Project and more.
- Thank you for the wish list items.
- Prom is coming up.
- Maria Borgerding would like student volunteers for Kindervelt House Tour – contact Mr. Wolford for approval, Mrs. Bell for volunteers.
- They are rescheduling the 5K run to next spring to avoid conflicts.

ARTS AUDIT – Anne Cushing-Reid:

- Anne, on behalf of The Ohio Arts Advocacy Alliance, is conducting an audit of our Art Department district-wide. She will be taking a snapshot of Mariemont Arts by conducting community forums, questioning teachers and conducting an online audit. Her background is with CCM performing community engagement projects.
- The attendees broke into two focus groups to answer four specific questions. The answers will be incorporated in the arts audit.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – None

COUNSELOR REPORT – Amanda Tackett:

- Feedback for the Sophomore Respect Retreat was very positive. Will try to move it earlier in the school year for next year (February). Thank you to Nan Dill for her help.
- She's still meeting with sophomores regarding college and schedules.
- Campus life is trying to have outdoor lunches – depending on weather.
- On behalf of Wendy, the next Career Chat is April 28 with Jeff Harris (Mrs. Lowery's husband) regarding career and technology in software services.
- On behalf of Amanda,
    - April 14 Xavier College fair 6:00-7:30
    - April 16 Counselor Coffee 7 pm. The Princeton review test prep regarding SAT and ACT changes. Directed mainly to parents though students can come.
    - May 1 at 7:15 am Signing Day for seniors and their parents.
    - May 18 Recognition Day in the gym
    - May 19 Unofficial last day for seniors. Seniors will hear a presentation from alumni discussing transition to college.

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Jim Renner:

- Getting ready for the next round of PARCC tests, beginning April 27. These tests will be less cumbersome as they're multiple choice.
- AP Tests begin May 4.
- Course Registration – working on schedule board. Two very large classes (9 & 10) affect classes.
- YouTube loosened restrictions have gone fine.
- Night of the Arts May 18.
- This Monday we're hosting Warren Koppel, holocaust speaker. Mainly for sophomores.
- Discussion regarding student parking and suggestion to stress the importance of the parking lottery in May so that seniors don't miss out on senior lot priveleges.
- Dina Wilder talked with Mayor Policastro regarding vehicle access to the high school and options for additional driveways. The land between the library and school is privately owned, access to that could alleviate congestion – that is a long-term hope.

TREASURER REPORT – Dina Wilder:

- Dina thinks the taxes are properly submitted. Since we don't have an average of over $50,000 gross income, she just had to submit an e-postcard.
- $800 is left from hospitality for Teacher Appreciation Week

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSUMER SURVEY – Jen Fiorenza:

- May 12, please sign up! The last survey took extra time to complete. We don't have any say over that. She's hoping to still get a good response with at least the 90 person minimum.

AFTER PROM – Hester Sullivan and Roseann Hayes:

- Afterprom will end at 3:30. Last year felt about an hour too long.
- Added a bounce house.
- Looking for volunteers still.
- $3,475 in donations received plus prizes for raffle baskets.
- Tickets will be on sale next week, along with prom tickets.
- A signed waiver is required, that has been emailed.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – Denise Scholtz for Martha Kane:

- The week of May 4-8

PROM FLOWERS – Mary Beth York:

- Will be selling at lunch next week.
- Dina Wilder offered to do flowers and fall spirit shirts next year. Kim Newton has also offered.

SCHOLARHSIP – Erika Hinebaugh:

- She will pick up the applications April 15.
- Needs 4-5 people to review – Denise Scholtz and Jen Fiorenza volunteered.

BOAT TRIP – Denise Scholtz for Chandra Buswell:

- The tradition of throwing a chair overboard as well as a rowdy crowd has given Mariemont a bad reputation with the boat company. Jim will address that issue.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Lynn Long provided the summer Art program from The Barn.
- Bed, Bath and Beyond has a special college shopping night July 12 6:00-8:00. You will receive 20% off purchase. You must register at www.studentlife2015.com, flyers are available in the office.

- Spirit Shop will be open after the meeting.
- Denise is looking for chair people for next year's PTO.
- Jerri Gatch is looking for chair people for next year's MAA.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES:

- Motion by Dina Wilder, second by Jerri Gatch.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by Hester Sullivan, second by Dina Wilder.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Stewart