Mariemont High School PTO
February 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE:
Molly Stewart, Dina Wilder, Maria Boederding, Amy Weiss, Denise Scholtz, Vanessa Chu, Heather Hobart, Astrid Michels, Hester Sullivan, Jelina Huber, Roseann Hayes, Linda Ramey, Lila Wells, Patty Stahl

WELCOME – Patty Stahl

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Gretchen Wittry

- Snowball was more successful than Homecoming. They collected play list input from all students so the music was great. It was the most fun dance they can remember!
- Pasta/Pennies for Patients Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser is next week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – none

TEACHER REPORT – Julie Bell

- Thank you so much in advance for the wish list items.
- The Christmas money is very much appreciated. Jeff Radloff is using his for a robotics project. The students make an all-terrain vehicle which must navigate a course.
- Terri Thomas' freshman health class just completed a week-long driving seminar with the help of local medical and police visitors.
- Julie's training trip to Spain was wonderful. It was the perfect mix of training and field training. She's now very comfortable taking the students in June. For this first trip, students in leadership positions applied and were chosen (2 each from Mariemont, Madeira and Indian Hill). This will open up to other students in the future.
- Separately, students are looking into a Nicaragua service trip for summer 2016.

WARRIOR COALITION – Lila Wells

- The Warrior coalition is a drug and substance prevention effort combining parents, police and school.
- February 25 Hidden in Plain Sight 7:00 tour, 7:30 presentation. A boy and girl teenage bedroom will be set up. Attendees look for 150 hidden in plain sight items that identify risky behaviors, including drug, alcohol, cutting and eating disorders. Then the presentation discusses this. Targeted for parents of 6th grade and up.
- Next meeting is February 9 7:30 at the Fairfax Rec. Center.

COUNSELOR REPORT – Wendy Long for Pam and Amanda

- Pam has been meeting with sophomores to review credits and discuss post high school plans.
- Live and Scarlet Oaks applications are now being accepted.
- The Respect Retreat for sophomores is February 23rd. This is paid for this year by the Warrior Run. PTO is paying for senior leader t-shirts.

- They're in the process of scheduling for next year. They met with students last week to review logging in, scheduling classes, new available classes and course recommendations. Course recommendations go out today, registration deadline is February 13. The course description guide is online through the Naviance link. New courses include engineering design to production, PE course Next Level Fitness, Coach/Officiating class, Lifetime Fitness. These don't count as elective credits. PE waiver is now an option. Two semesters of sport or band will meet your PE credit. This doesn't go toward student's GPA. They can't mix waiver, flex credit and PE class.
- Career Chats: February 20 Thom Brennaman, February 24 Dr. David Butler, Biomechanical Engineering professor emeritus.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- 11 & 12 graders are required to take end of course exam for American History and American Government. They can opt out with the AP test but must reserve that now.
- End of Course exam letters are going out. The state is still working this through but the test schedule is done and our students are taking practice tests on their devices.
- The next letter going out is College Credit Plus which covers the change in dual credit opportunities. The state is requiring dual credit classes be weighted the same as AP and Honors – we don't agree with this so we'll have fewer dual credit options. Students can go on their own directly to a college for dual credit. Ultimately, colleges and universities don't like weighted grades, they often strip those out because each district handles weights so differently.
- FYI, math and English are called Park tests, Ohio Next Generation refers to all other subjects. These test scores don't go on the transcript, they just show pass/met requirements. Our counselors will meet with students each semester to keep them on track.
- Next week is Mariemont Academy – Destination 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion by Amy Weiss, second by Dina Wilder.

TREASURER REPORT – Dina Wilder

- We're still slightly behind on membership and C&C. The impact of sending our beginning of school information electronically was huge. It does appear membership and C&C aren't proportionately off. We'll need to communicate C&C better next year. It would be helpful to have EZPay for that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AFTER PROM – Hester Sullivan and Roseann Hayes

- After prom will be April 25 at the Indian Hill Winter Club. Need volunteers & donations.

MISCELLANEOUS – Denise Scholtz

- The Bed, Bath and Beyond college shopping day (20% off) will be July 12th 5-9:00.

TEACHER WISH LISTS – Denise Scholtz and Patty Stahl

- Total request is approximately $3500 (including shipping). We have $5800 available. Unanimous YES vote.
- AP English gift bags $930
- Mandarin class supplies 408
- Spanish world maps 230
- US Govt magazines 190
- Math 240
- Electronic 3D cutting machine 275
- Art display cards 299
- Counselor's college gifts 600

Note for the future, the Warrior Run will pay for this year's Sophomore Respect Retreat but if the program is successful, the school will ask the PTO to pay the $3300 cost.

There are repeat items (AP English, college gifts) that we may want to add to the budget.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion from Jelina Huber, second from Dina Wilder

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Stewart