Mariemont High School PTO
November 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:
Dawn Harden, Amy Weiss, Astrid Michels, Vanessa Chu, Denise Scholtz, Patty Stahl, Sarah Dunning, Erika Hinebaugh, Monica Roll, Jeri Gatch, Jelina Huber, Molly Stewart

WELCOME – Denise Scholtz, Patty Stahl

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Gretchen Wittry:

- Holiday Fair is coming up December 5th, 5:00-8:00
- Follow up on the shoe drive: Indian Hill won. We received $1,500 for our participation. The students are considering what to do – possibly cater a lunch.
- Snowball will be a formal dance with girls asking boys.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Steve Estepp:

- Steve was absent but Jim Renner expressed thanks for passing the levy. All precincts won with over 66% total yes votes. It's a very affirming vote but the district won't rest on their laurels.

TEACHER'S REPORT – Julie Bell:

- The teachers appreciate the levy passage. It's exciting to be a teacher with so much community support.
- Thank you also for the dinners and treats.
- Students are sponsoring a coat drive, canned food drive and toy drive.
- The math department is rolling out a math excel program. All math students have access with a code. The teachers can assign work then students go online, the program tracks how long the problems take/if they're correct and then will give tutorials geared toward the individual student. Feedback from the students has been positive. It's also good to get used to typing math online, similar to the spring testing/assessments.
- DECA students again placed very well in national exams. They enjoyed a sports marketing field trip to a Columbus Blue Jackets game. Mrs. DiMichael spoke to the classes regarding P&G marketing and branding.
- Terri Thomas had a depression/suicide prevention program coordinating with the Warrior Run. www.cincinnatichildrens.org/survivingtheteens

COUNSELOR'S REPORT:
Pam Tackett for Amanda Lesczcuk:

- Amanda is setting up meetings with juniors and their parents running December – March.
- December 4th at 7:00 Life and Leadership program will be a financial advisor from UC. It's best for juniors and seniors but all are welcome.
- 260 college transcripts have been sent so far.
- She recommends the dual credit sign ups. Credit will be through UC Clermont. Students should only do this if they're anticipating a good grade since it will count in the college GPA. There's no guarantee credits will transfer but they generally do. Some classes will require a qualifying test.

Pam for Wendy Long:

- November 8th Dr. Steve Lewis will give a medical field career chat. It's open to all grades, sign up on blackboard.

Pam Tackett:

- Pam is just finishing meeting with freshmen, will be starting sophomores.
- Campus Life and Book Club combined for Halloween fun for a great day.
- Leadership quality of the month is 'good communicator'. Check for videos on Warrior Watch, starting with Kurry Cummins.
- The Respect Retreat for sophomores will be in February.
- National Honor Society started fifth bell tutoring, during lunch, in the CCPC. Monday, Wednesday, Friday will be English and Social Studies. Tuesday, Thursday will be Math & Science.
- Pam is offering science tutoring for freshmen and sophomores during 7th bell. She's working on offering Latin also.
- Amy Weiss asked if meetings are scheduled in alphabetical order . . . no, they're random and based on availability.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner:

- The fall play is November 13, 14, 15. Tickets are available on the web site.
- Conferences are under way, parents can still sign up. Parents are also always welcome to set up additional meetings.
- The Consumer Survey is November 12.
- Report cards have gone out.
- Mr. Block and his wife had their baby, Simon James.
- Graduation requirements are changing for freshmen. 10, 11 and 12th graders pass the OGT test to move on. Freshmen are moving to end of course exams. They are tested on performance and competency, two times in the year. The rules and regulations have been changing at a crazy pace. Unfortunately, this has become very political within the Ohio state legislature. Fortunately, our students will be fine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOSPITALITY – Sarah Dunning:

- The dinners went smoothly, thank you.

PRODUCT SURVEY – Denise Scholtz for Holly Bortz:

- November 12th

HOLIDAY FAIR – Denise Scholtz for Donna Goheen:

- December 5th 5:00 – 8:00

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dina Wilder:

- Absent, no report.

DIRECTORIES – Denise Scholtz for Julie Curran:

- They were sent home with students.

NEW BUSINESS – Denise Scholtz:

- Is there interest in a special college shopping day in July at Bed, Bath & Beyond? Feedback: yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by Dawn Harden, second by Jelina Huber.