

Sherwood High School

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21 February 2017
General Meeting

Meeting Notes

Welcome

- a. Dr. Kathlyn Carroll introduced the Black Student Union President, Whitney Williams. She spoke about the Black Student Union (BSU). The BSU was re-started in SHS in 2015 and is involved in community and school activities, such as feeding homeless, Spirit Days, and advocacy. They also participate in the Minority Scholars Program which is a program that offers tutoring and mentoring at SHS and connects with other minority programs in other schools.
- b. Ms. Khristy Kartsakalis, Sherwood cluster coordinator, reported that the northeast consortium is looking for cluster coordinators from the elementary and middle schools, not just high schools. Anyone interested in serving as a cluster coordinator contact her.
- c. Mr. Randall MacGill indicated that the Belgium Exchange program has been running for some time now and is looking for families to host students the week of April 3 2017. Anyone interested in hosting a student, please contact Cathy Cross.
- d. Ms. Laura Barnitz spoke about the Academic Year in America Exchange Program. This is the largest, oldest exchange program in U.S. and host students ages 15-18 for one or 2 semesters. She helps families in hosting exchange students, matching interests and needs. Please consider volunteering as a host family, this is a great opportunity for families.

General Business

- a. The directory/membership drive was a great success. SHS PTSA had more a greater percentage growth than any other high school in MoCo and received a membership award.
- b. Consider attending the Rock and Roll Revival show, coming up in March. Proceeds from one matinee will be donated to the PTSA for scholarships.
- c. PTSA Scholarships are due March 1.
- d. Need volunteers for chair for the Nominations committee. Elections should be competitive and SHS has many parents that could be able to serve in PTSA.
- e. The November 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
- f. Andrea Smith, treasurer presented report.
- g. Samantha Dellosso, representative to the Mont. Co. PTA was not able to attend the meeting. One topic of discussion at the MCC PTA are bell times for upcoming years.

Principal Report

- a. Mr. Gregory reported that principals support changing bell times to what they were before. Current times affect elementary school children the most and does not seem to help HS students.
- b. SHS graduation ceremony will be in the Xfinity center in June.
- c. Working on taking pictures of seniors during College Signing Day (May 15/16). The plan is to do group pictures and give to students during graduating rehearsal day.
- d. Working on staffing for next school year, anticipate same level of staff (no cuts).
- e. Thanks to BSU for their work during Black History month.
- f. The RRR is coming up in March. Tickets <https://www.showtix4u.com>

g. Staff have been working on cultural proficiency, meeting frequently to discuss topics, using the Brain book. Staff indicate that more awareness and leadership is needed.

Guest Speaker – Dana Stroman introduced the guest speaker Mr. Troy Boddy. Mr. Boddy is a SHS graduate (1984) and Director of the MCPS Equity Initiative Unit. The Title of his talk: “Having Space at the Table for Everyone: Embracing Our Diverse Community”. He discussed diversity, via discussion and movie.

Next meeting: March 21 2017, 7:15 in media center. Guest speaker will discuss cybersecurity and cyberbullying.