

Sherwood High School PTSA Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2011

Call to Order: 7:18 pm Susan Berkheimer, PTSA President

Approval of Minutes: November PTSA Minutes (Approved by Roni Septoff)

- There was no meetings held in December 2010 and January 2011

PTSA Membership update: Susan Berkheimer reported this evening for Janice Flamand and Robin McCue

- The PTSA Directory – Fred Proctor
 - Directories are ready to be handed out
 - They were distributed to the students in the K wing and then again in the main office

Treasurer Report: Courtney Springirth, CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com

Reviewed the Budget

After Prom so far has raised \$6,000

PTSA President Report: Susan Berkheimer, sherwoodptsa@gmail.com

Graduation: June 6 –2:30 pm DAR Constitution Hall

(Washington, DC) Graduates must arrive no later than 1:30pm.

May meetings will be held with the seniors – they are listed on the Sherwood calendar

The buses rented with the PTSA are being discussed. Lisa McCartney handled the buses for last year's 2010 graduation

Graduation Ticket Form are due back 3/24, they are on the Sherwood web site.

Principal Report: Mr. Gregory, Sherwood High School Principal

Discussed the Board of Education (BOE) , Operation Change, due to the Budget

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/FY2012/pdf/AdoptedBoardBudgetFY2012.pdf>

Selection of possible changes and upcoming board issues, due to the budget shrinkage

- Montgomery county does not have a fully funded budget, there are changes and cuts
- Decrease in staff allotments
- Decrease in Media Assistants
- Decrease in school administration
- Decrease in security staff
- ESOL student ratios would change
- Decrease in english comprehension teachers
- Eliminating after school buses
- Decrease budget of school sports, especially non varsity
- Decreasing building maintenance
- Decreasing and changing the special education staff ratios
- Staff salaries, no increase 3 years in a row
- Increase in health care cost for staff
- Staff gives more than one hundred percent and it is difficult to keep morale, with both no raises and changes in their available resources.

Sherwood High School Enrollment

The 2010-11 school year: initially was 2,070 students presently we are at 2,113 students

140 student variance

Class sizes are 30-33 students

** Parents should register their student for Sherwood HS even if they end up going to a local private school

The Sherwood student registry is based on a 1970 survey; there is always a danger that teachers could be lost waiting on updated student counts.

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Class Grading /Reporting Changes

- Parents brought up that they would like the county to consider changing letter grades to percentages grades , rather than the current straight A,B,C letter grading. Currently there is no point disparity in the straight letter grades, you could receive high or low points and still receive the same letter within that grade.

AP/ Honors Courses:

Advanced Placement Coursed:

- Approved by many colleges
- Risk free
- Helps students achieve more in college
- Sherwood staff really encourage their students to take these courses
- The Honors classes help the students be better prepared for the AP curriculum coursework
- English 11th year classes are currently only given as either an Honors or AP class, no grade level, special aides are in the classroom for assistance
- Montgomery county class of 2010 – AP exams
 - 66.1% of all students took AP's exams in the county
 - 62.3% at Sherwood HS took AP exams, we were slightly below the average, Sherwood ranked 10th in the county
- AP exams cost \$87 per exam, which is a parental responsibility

March 24th: 7 – 9 pm Parent Night for current 9th , 10th and 11th Graders

- in Cafeteria, Auditorium and Media Center
- Go over what parents need to do to prepare for the upcoming school year and to start preparing for life after high school

Committee Reports:

After Prom Update: Roni Septoff; rsep01@aol.com, 240-938-0160

- Secure Longwood Recreation center for May 21 – 22, 2011
- The Prom is at Hyatt Bethesda is estimated to cost \$50-55 per student
- The After-Prom is \$Free, so that all students are encouraged to attend.
- Cost of the After Prom for the Sherwood Community through the PTSA is currently estimated at \$11, 000 - \$13, 000

Theme:

- Artistic Circus Theme- Room space is well planned out for the event, Tina Velazquez

Fundraising:

- Dining Out Night, Urban BBQ ,Wednesday, March 2nd
- Two people are working on donations, gift certificates and from tons of places to donate prizes
- The Lions Club did make a donation
- PTA from the local Elementary Schools all donated \$200 each to support their High School
- Green Turtle, is planning on donating T-Shirts and Platters

Glow Party, Friday, March 18,7:30 PM – 10:30 PM held at the SHS Cafeteria,

Glow Party tickets on sale at lunch in front of the cafeteria, March 11 through March 16 tickets are \$10,

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March 17-18 tickets are \$12, you can bring students from other schools – you need to register them, No tickets sold at the door. 10 Adult /Parent Chaperones

After Prom Campaign \$20.11 Donations so the parents and community can help an event that is safe and fun for our community students. Letter sent how to all the parents <http://sherwoodptsa.org/joining-the-ptsa/after-prom/>

“NEW TO YOU” Prom Girls & Guys : Dress / Tuxedo /and Accessories Collection time :

A drop off box will be in the main office at Sherwood high school. **Collection begins on Monday, Feb 14.**

➤ **The upcoming “NEW TO YOU” Sale will be held at a store rented in the Olney**

The Sherwood PTSA is looking for slightly used evening dresses, matching shoes, purses, and jewelry for our “New to You” prom dress program. The “New to You” prom dress program is an affordable alternative to prom dress shopping. Let’s not forget about the guys. If you have men’s suits, tuxes, shoes, or accessories we can use those too. Your donations will be re-sold at low prices to make Prom a wonderful evening and After Prom a huge success.

Warrior Club: Steve Bolen

➤ **Spring into Action: Campus Clean Up Saturday, March 26 9 am – 1 pm: for Parents and Students**

The Warrior Club is sponsoring, but anyone may help plant, prune, weed and mow. Students are awarded SSL hours on the spot.

➤ **Sherwood mulch sale Sunday, April 3rd, Home delivery orders due by April 1st**

The annual Warrior Club mulch sale is April 3rd. \$4.50 per 3 cubic ft. bag with driveway deliveries to Sherwood community for 10 bag-minimum order and a \$10 fee. Delivery orders must be placed by April 1st. Mulch Sale Order Form 2011 Make checks payable to: Sherwood Warrior Club.

All proceeds support Sherwood athletic programs.

Staff Appreciation, Co–chairs: Marguerite Shoop, mkshoop@yahoo.com, Sharlene Monroe, sharlenem901@msn.com

➤ **Our next event will be Secretaries Day gifts in April**

Valentines Day was a success: We had Sweet Treats for the teachers & staff on Valentine's Day Committee members Jacquie Weed and Jodia Siarkas set up baked goods and candy for the teachers & staff. All items were donated by 22 generous SHS volunteer families.

The “Shield”

❖ Contact had to step down in February, currently there is no replacement

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| February issue | deadline is January 18 th | (21st if they need until the end of the week) |
| March issue | deadline is February 21st | (24th if they need until the end of the week) |
| April issue | deadline is March 15 | (18th if they need until the end of the week) |

New Business

Student Walking Traffic Safety on RT 108;

Shari Boscolo;sboscolo@comcast.net, Jennifer Mazur; naturaldiscoveries@verizon.net ; Pat Rooney- Sherwood Security

➤ **Project was Approved**

The SHA's District 3 traffic engineering staff approved installing safety walks along MD 108 No timelines are available for this project as it is dependent on the developer’s schedule.

MCCPTA Delegate; Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association

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Co-chairs: Tina & Ricardo Velazquez; trvelazquez@yahoo.com, Abi Adebawale-Eyo, Adebawalea@verizon.net

Presenter this evening: Ricardo Velazquez

It is requested MCCPTA that the Board of Education and the principals to be more available to the clusters, be more available to parents.

Voting on changing the bylaws of Article 10, committee members, will be allowed to work over the summer months, they do not have to wait until the school year to begin coordinating. No money can be involved during the summer months. This motion considers giving the PTSA's extra time to put together annual special committees.
Call for motion, Vote by Sherwood PTSA: 100% Yes (Roni Septoff and Ricardo Velazquez)

Respectfully submitted by,
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary