

## **Sherwood High School PTSA Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2010**

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

**Approval of Minutes:** October PTSA Minutes (Approved by Lisa McCarthy and Roni Septoff)

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

- **PTSA Directory Business – Advertising Update:**  
So far entries are: 6-8 current business cards and 2 advertisements  
Currently putting together business card listings for Tutoring Services
- **PTSA Membership Goal**
  - At 96% of the forecasted Membership
  - Currently at 742 Memberships; forecasted 780 memberships
  - Direct Appeal is at 96 % of budget
- **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,**

Reviewed the Budget

SGA fund had a motion approved for \$399 (motion approved by Roni Septoff and Lori Capozzi)

**PTSA President Report:** Susan Berkheimer, [sherwoodptsa@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodptsa@gmail.com)

- “Drive to Stay Alive” Program hosted by Montgomery County Police
  - The whole Sherwood student body will go through some the program the week of Dec 6 -13th
  - “Seat belts On” report given by a student who lost two friends
  - The week before the Christmas holiday is typically the highest accident week in Montgomery County -college students are home this week.
- The PTSA sponsored Teacher Luncheon – was a big success- the was plenty of food supplies
- **Shield Newsletter** - edited by Marie Collins will go out at least 4 scheduled timed per year

**Principal Report:** Mr. Gregory, Sherwood High School Principal

- **School Improvement**  
5 Goals
  1. Push for Rigor
  2. Increase performance for college Entrance
  3. Grade of “C” or better in Algebra II
  4. School Climate: increase eligibility of credit.... Decrease suspension on attendance = loss of credit
  5. Students define levels of rigor
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – The outcome of Honor and On level classes combined
  - No difference in class material, no need to separate classes
  - Grades remained the equivalent

**No Child Left Behind**

- Reduce pushing the students up to quickly in levels through elementary school math programs, to reduce the holes in student learning
- Work for stretch goals
- Maintained 80 % of SAT
- Overall school performance has increased
- Teachers are encouraged to look for gaps
- HSA assessment did not make AYP (annual yearly progress)
- HSA came up short in the reading section, for special Ed students

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- ESOL Student Promotional Policy—students can be made to stay in their current grade until they pass their exam
- ESOL students are mainstreamed after passing their main classes
- Recently exited ESOL students are asked to help teachers and to support the other students working at passing their ESOL
- Every student that is in a class with a waiver is a breakdown for the schools

### Open Lunch

- Student will not be allowed off campus during Lunch Hour
- Lunch at Sherwood occurs at the same time for the whole school

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **After Prom Update:** Roni Septoff; [rseptoff@sightsoundsupport.com](mailto:rseptoff@sightsoundsupport.com); [RSEP01@aol.com](mailto:RSEP01@aol.com)

- 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

#### **After Prom Fundraising:**

- Selling a printed schedule of the Hall of Fame to sell at the game; printing costs will be \$68, Sales will be reported, this is a first time venture
- Sadie Hawkins – Valentine Day Dance , to benefit after prom – Classes 10 -12 Grades (A dance at Sherwood HS requires per 1000 students: 25 adult chaperones & 5 police)
- Coming Soon: Shopping night for all types of Vendor – a Sunday in December, at Susan Berkheimer, PTSA President home
- Planning Dining Night Outs with different restaurants ...Dining out nights are not always productive – since there are many various Dining nights put out by various programs

#### **Staff Appreciation,** Co–chairs:

Marguerite Shoop, [mkshoop@yahoo.com](mailto:mkshoop@yahoo.com), Sharlene Monroe, [sharlenem901@msn.com](mailto:sharlenem901@msn.com), 301-648-2025

- PTSA Columbus Day Breakfast- was a success- the Staff Appreciation committee received many generous contribution from the Sherwood parents.
- December Treats for Teachers and Staff will consist of parent contributions of holiday cookies and candy, supplemented as necessary with purchases using committee funds
- “The Staff Appreciation Luncheon” will be scheduled between May and the beginning of June

#### **New Business**

- Sherwood HS is an ESOL Center. The ESOL program, presented at White Oak, showed many great ideas.
- Sherwood HS is also a Special Education Center; the students are integrated as best possible into classes.
- These students are either diploma tracked, or certificate tracked for life skills
- Modified HSA
- The Sherwood HS Student Best Buddy program won an award – for pals with special needs programs

#### **MCCPTA Delegate; Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association**

Co-chairs: Abi Adebawale-Eyo, [Adebawalea@verizon.net](mailto:Adebawalea@verizon.net) ; Tina & Ricardo Velazquez

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**Resolution on School Resource Officers Adopted November 2010**

School Resource Officers (SROs) provide vital safety and security functions at MCPS schools in partnership with school administration and staff members. These functions include crime prevention, intervention, outreach and enforcement efforts regarding alcohol and/or drugs, gangs, thefts, assaults, and other offenses; and WHEREAS in order for SROs to achieve these functions by working consistently and proactively (in alignment with recommendations by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education for preventing catastrophic school violence situations) we must have at least one officer assigned to every high school, with the expectation that this program will be expanded to provide support to middle and elementary schools as needed.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE: RESOLVED that MCCPTA supports and will advocate for at least one SRO to be assigned to every high school and provide support to middle and elementary schools as needed; and RESOLVED that MCCPTA expects improved coordination and support between Montgomery County Police Department and MCPS as well as SROs and MCPS Administration and Security at local schools, in order to provide the safe, secure learning environment to which Montgomery County school children and staff are entitled

**Respectfully submitted by,**  
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary