

PTSA Minutes for the February 21, 2012 Meeting

Called to Order 7:24 pm

January Minutes Approved at PTSA February 2012 meeting by Roni Septoff / Amy Mathias

Attendance: Attached

PTSA Officers school year 2011-2012, committee; Victoria Thanos; VP; thanos@aol.com;

Slate is as follows:

President	Susan Berkheimer, sherwoodptsa@gmail.com
First Vice President	Roni Septoff, rseptoff@sightsoundssupport.com
Second Vice President	*
Teacher Representative	Sandi Williams, Sandi_L_Williams@mcpsmd.org
Third Vice President	*Appointed Student Representative
Fourth Vice President	Victoria Thanos, thanos@aol.com ;
Treasurer	Courtney Springirth; CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com
Recording Secretary	Rachel Maines , rachel@aabb.org
Corresponding Secretary	Lisa McCarthy, l.mccarthy@aol.com
Delegate	Ricardo Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com
Delegate	Arpana Verma, asverma93@gmail.com
NCAACP Rep (Parent Council of Representative)	Melody Bell, mcbell15@gmail.com

PTSA Committee Volunteers Needed For

- Beautification Committee – Organize Sherwood Grounds
- PTSA Membership – Organize the membership drive and funds and the Directory
- PTSA Hospitality - Organize drinks and snacks for PTSA meeting events

****Nominations for the 2012-2013 PTSA Executive Board; Victoria Thanos, thanos@aol.com**

- Elections for the 2012–2013 PTSA Executive Board will be held at the May 15th PTSA Meeting.**
- The deadline for the nomination form is April 25th but nominations from the floor are allowed at the May 15th PTSA Meeting.
- For an overview of each officer’s duties: [PTSA Nomination Form](#)

Treasurer’s Report – Courtney Springirth; CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com

Budget was handed out and reviewed.

Membership - Jennifer Mazur, BJ Mills

No new report

Direct Appeal – Janice Flamand, jflamand@comcast.net

No new report

President- Susan Berkheimer, sherwoodptsa@gmail.com ; 301-370-1489

Principal’s Report: Mr. Gregory, Sherwood High School Principal

James T. Heintze, Assistant Principal of Sherwood High School, represented Sherwood High School this evening

James_T_Heintze@mcpsmd.org

Mr. Heintze discussed ongoing events:

Interims

March 2nd Teacher Interims were completed they were posted on Edline for parents by March 9th.

- Amy Mathias will post it on the SherwoodPTSA@yahoogroups.com

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes/ Exams Registration

- Registration is end of Feb to March 1st
- AP Exams are held in May: May 7-11 and May 14-18, 2012
- Pricing for exams is \$85
- <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

Practice SAT Testing –Practice test for juniors only – to be held Friday March 2nd

March 6th: Quarterly School Improvement Team Meeting

Athletics

- Feb 23rd – 1st Round Regional Basketball for both the Girl and Boy Teams
- Congratulations to Swim and Dive Team for placing in the Regional's
The Sherwood Warrior girls Swim & Dive team finished in 1st place at the 4A North Region Swim & Dive Championships last Saturday.
- Congratulations to Indoor Track and Field for a great season
Three Sherwood athletes qualified for the Maryland State Indoor Track and Field Championships in Thursday night's 4A West Regional meet. The top 4 in each event qualified for the state meet.
- Congratulations to the Wrestling for a great season

Corresponding Secretary, Lisa McCarthy, l.mccarthy@aol.com

Staff News:

We unfortunately lost Mary Marshall, former Administrative Assistant for many many years. She passed away. Glen Miller and his wife had a baby girl. Their second child. I will be sending cards out for both.

Staff Appreciation, Co-chairs: **Staff Appreciation, Co-chairs:** Marguerite Shoop, mkshoop@yahoo.com, 301-570-1268 Sharlene Monroe, sharlenem901@msn.com, Sharlene@LongandFoster.com 301-648-2025

Next upcoming event: End of the year Luncheon with donated desserts

Annual Events:

The committee's plans for the year are a combination of donated treats and purchases:

Halloween candy treats

Autumn breakfast

December holiday treats

Valentine Treats

Administrative Day gifts

End of the year Luncheon with donated desserts

Goal: Our Committee's goal is to show the 220+ teachers and staff of Sherwood H.S. how much we appreciate them, their interest in our children's well-being, and their dedication to the job. We do this by providing savory sweets and baked items throughout the school year, and culminate with a huge luncheon at year's end.

Because we don't have enough money in our budget to do this alone, we ask for parental support throughout the year to provide these treats.

"The Every 15 Minutes" Program: Sharon St. Pierre; stpierre619@verizon.net, Rhonda Molleur; afmolleur@aol.com, Janice Flamand; jflamand@comcast.net

Program updates

- Students were selected for the program, application process completed

- 50 students are involved in the program as volunteers
- These 50 students will be involved in an overnight – with no cell phones
- Letters mailed home
- March 1st, at 7pm was the parent meeting for the students that are participating

Some Area Updates

- Channel 9 is doing a TV series on Drinking; it will be on their web site
- Brave & Bold – Huge increase in parents throwing parties with their students
- MC Police- “Don’t Serve our Kids” officers speaking on what happens to the Parents
- EVENTS that are not sponsored through Sherwood PTSA - Montreal Buses and Myrtle Beach Buses

Facebook account, Become a Fan: of every 15 Minutes

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherwood-High-School-Every-15-Minutes/204039786332254>

Update:

December – Starting to sign up student volunteers.

This program is very involved; parents are required to write obituaries for their students, if they volunteer to participate.

Student applications and parent permission are located on the Sherwood PTSA site

<http://sherwoodptsa.org/ptsa-information/every-15-minutes/every-15-minutes-2010/>

There are still parent volunteer positions available as well, please contact one of the program representatives.

Program will be held at Sherwood High School (PTSA Sponsored program) April 26 -27, 2012.

- 2 day program with a series of events
- Covers dangerous activities/sleeping/ and texting while driving
- Parents: Attend the October 26 meeting at 7pm in the Media Center
- Students: Attend the October 26 meeting at 7pm in the Media Center. At the meeting we will talk about roles for student participants and the timeline for distribution of applications
- Reviewing timeline and volunteer positions
- Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherwood-High-School-Every-15-Minutes/204039786332254#!/pages/Sherwood-High-School-Every-15-Minutes/204039786332254>
 - There are several volunteer positions open

After Prom – Roni Septoff; Chairperson; rseptoff@sightsoundsupport.com;RSEP01@aol.com

Décor set up by Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com

February Report by Roni:

After Prom Guidelines:

Tickets for the After Prom – Will be handed out prior to prom / after prom

Students who attend by party bus, the buses have to register on site that evening with the county.

*10 day suspensions – will miss graduation if drinking – very strict policy

Working on Raising Funds

Working on Weekly Auction Items (A cruise was donated, it will be auctioned off.)

Donations: Please donate any gift cards

- Donations Needed Gift Cards - Money – Food – Materials

Mailing: Every student/ parent is encouraged to donate \$20.12, more is always welcome.
Event cost approximately \$15,000 to hold

Theme Décor : Each area of Longwood Recreation is going to look like different area of a cruise ship.
Volunteers are needed all night.

- Students can receive SSL hours for helping with set up and decorations

Topics: Alcohol Regulations

Alcohol use equals no graduation

Fines average \$2000 and are the responsibility of the parent

Homeowners are responsible

Prom night Party Bus rules: all students have to be registered for the After Prom Event.

- 675 Students attended “After Prom” last year
- Bingo was a bit hit last year
- To be held at Longwood Recreation Center
- Possible Entertainment: Stand up Comedian – approximate for their age group

Graduation Buses: Roni Septoff, rseptoff@sightsoundsupport.com;RSEP01@aol.com

During the 2011 Graduation 3 buses were hired, for both students and parents.

The Bus Drivers Direct the timelines.

MCCPTA Delegates - Arpana Verma; asverma93@gmail.com ; Richard Velazquez; trvelazquez@yahoo.com

No new update

Sherwood Cluster Coordinator –

Virginia Twombly, vctwombly@verizon.net and Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com

UPDATES

Farquhar Middle school, construction halted

- Due to unresolved land swap issues and funding issues
- Students would have to attend Tilden Middle school if issues stay unresolved

Montgomery county Board of Education – Budget

MCCPTA Update on Superintendent's Proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget

MCCPTA – News: <http://www.mccpta.com/#NEWS>

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http://www.mccpta.com/opBud_dir/2011-2012/120125_FY2013_Operating_Budget.pdf

New Student Budget – Basically \$3000 per new student, no additional funding.

Growth – Where does it go from here? Montgomery County schools have grown by more than 6,000 students in the last three years.

The Superintendent's \$2.13 billion proposed operating budget seeks funding at the same per pupil level as last year. Taking into account increased enrollment, the request represents a 2% (\$41 million) increase over last year's budget, and is the lowest requested increase in more than a decade

➤ **Signatures needed : Proposed Shift of Pension Funding on to Counties**

[Click Here to oppose the pension shift](#)

Pension Shift – Pass Pension Budgets on to the Counties. Change would be negative to the schools. Pensions would go down from 52 Percent to 46 Percent Shifting the cost of teacher pensions to the counties will cost Montgomery County \$47 million next year, \$61 million the following year, and \$71 million the year after that. \$47 million translates into approximately 500 positions or, for the school setting, additional 2-3 students per classroom

Submitted by,
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 8:20pm