

**PTSA Minutes for the January 17, 2012 Meeting (Draft)**

**Called to Order 7:15 pm**

**November Minutes Approved at PTSA January 2012 meeting**

**No PTSA meeting to be held December 2011**

**Attendance: Attached**

**PTSA Officers school year 2011-2012**, committee; Victoria Thanos; VP; [thanos@aol.com](mailto:thanos@aol.com);

**Slate is as follows:**

President	Susan Berkheimer, <a href="mailto:sherwoodptsa@gmail.com">sherwoodptsa@gmail.com</a>
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Third Vice President	*Appointed Student Representative
Fourth Vice President	Victoria Thanos, <a href="mailto:thanos@aol.com">thanos@aol.com</a> ;
Treasurer	Courtney Springirth; <a href="mailto:CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com">CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com</a>
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Delegate	Arpana Verma, <a href="mailto:asverma93@gmail.com">asverma93@gmail.com</a>
NCAACP Rep (Parent Council of Representative)	Melody Bell, <a href="mailto:mcbell15@gmail.com">mcbell15@gmail.com</a>

**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

**Special Presentation:** John Salzburg, [John.Salzburg@verizon.net](mailto:John.Salzburg@verizon.net), h: 301-774-6815

John Salzburg, from the Sandy Spring Civic Association, presented at the Jan PTSA Sherwood 2012.

The Sandy Spring Civic Association would like the Sherwood High Community to endorse a Master Plan to build in the Sandy Spring / Ashton area a new pathway- for walking and biking.

The proposed shared path is for the Dr. Bird / Route 108/ Norwood triangle. The recommended proposal date for the capital area improvement project is FY 13-18.

The project is being supported by Councilwoman Navarro and the State District 14 Delegation.

Sandy Spring Civic Association welcomes Sherwood PTSA at their monthly meetings, the second Monday of each month at 6:30 at the Ross Brody Community Center on Brooke Road.

**Treasurer's Report – Courtney Springirth; [CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com](mailto:CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com)**

Budget was handed out and reviewed.

**Membership - Jennifer Mazur, BJ Mills**

No new report

**Direct Appeal – Janice Flamand, [jflamand@comcast.net](mailto:jflamand@comcast.net)**

No new report

**President- Susan Berkheimer**, [sherwoodpts@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodpts@gmail.com) ; 301-370-1489

No PTSA meeting was held December 2011

Sherwood SGA – Polar Bear Plunge sponsored a Cool School Team for winter plunge on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>, at Sandy Point State Beach. The goal of the plungers is to help raise over \$2.5 million for Special Olympics Maryland with the help of 10,000 other Plungers. The web address: <http://plungemd.com/schools.php>

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

Calendars were mailed home to all Sherwood households, to show the Semester Exam schedule. Monday February 20, 2012 is President day and no school.

Parent Cluster Meeting

1. Rigor
2. Achievement
- 3 Closing the Gap between different student groups
4. Parent Advocacy/ engagement (sharing information, responding to their students concerns)

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes/ Exams

Empowering

Pushing the students to their potential

Giving the students more opportunity

Sherwood HS, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, students are placing in the same range as other area schools. During the years of 2007- 2011, 854 Sherwood students took AP exams and 757 students receive a grade of 3 or higher.

Registration for the 2011-12 School Year

According to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) data Sherwood High School is not expecting to experience a dip in students during the 2013 school year. Currently, Sherwood HS has approximately 2100 attending students.

**Corresponding Secretary,** Lisa McCarthy, [l.mccarthy@aol.com](mailto:l.mccarthy@aol.com)

- Reported on the correspondence that she has been managing

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The Sherwood H.S. Staff Appreciation Committee is hosting a Valentine's Day event for our 220+ teachers and staff this Monday. We would like a bombardment of all things chocolate, sugary and sinful such as bags of candy, cookies (store-bought or baked) and other sweets. We hope parents are able to participate. Please email me ([sharlenem901@msn.com](mailto:sharlenem901@msn.com)) if you plan on donating something, so we can plan for purchases of items still needed.

Items for the Valentine's Day event may be dropped off to one of three locations:

- Marguerite Shoop's home on Sunday only, February 12th from noon til 9 p.m. (look for cooler on front porch) 18305 Redbridge Court, Olney - James Creek community 301-570-1268
- Jacquie Weed's home this Saturday/Sunday, up until 9 pm at 3216 Gold Mine Road, Brookeville – Olney Village community 301-774-3431
- Sherwood HS main office the morning of the 13th until 9:30 am. Feel free to have your students drop donations off to the main office as they arrive to school. We will make sure items get delivered to the proper locations.

**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](mailto:stpierre619@verizon.net), Rhonda Molleur; [afmolleur@aol.com](mailto:afmolleur@aol.com), Janice Flamand; [jflamand@comcast.net](mailto:jflamand@comcast.net)

Facebook account, Become a Fan:

<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://sherwoodpts.org/pts-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](mailto:rseptoff@sightsoundsupport.com); [RSEP01@aol.com](mailto:RSEP01@aol.com)

**February Report by Roni:**

Fundraiser: Every student/ parent is encouraged to donate "\$20.12", more is always welcome.

Event cost approximately \$15,000 to hold

A cruise was donated, it will be auctioned off.

Decorations: Each area of Longwood Recreation is going to look like different area of a cruise ship.

Volunteers are needed all night.

Donations: Please donate any gift cards

Alcohol Use

Alcohol use equals no graduation

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

Homeowners are responsible

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

- Homecoming which is held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Sherwood Cafeteria is a fundraiser event

- 675 Students attended “After Prom” last year
- Bingo was a bit hit last year
- This year’s themes: Cruise Ship
- To be held at Longwood Recreation Center
- Possible Entertainment: Stand up Comedian – approximate for their age group
- Donations Needed Gift Cards - Money – Food – Materials

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

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

The Bus Drivers Direct the timelines.

**Sherwood Cluster Coordinator – Arpana Verma; asverma93@gmail.com ; Richard Velazquez; trvelazquez@yahoo.com**

- **No updates for this PTSA meeting**

Submitted by,

Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 8:15 pm