

## **PTSA Minutes for the March 19, 2013 Meeting**

**Called to Order 7:15 pm**

**Minutes approved by** Amy Mathias / Marguerite Shoop

### **PTSA Officers school year 2012-2013**

#### **Slate is as follows:**

President	Susan Berkheimer,	<a href="mailto:sherwoodpts@gmail.com">sherwoodpts@gmail.com</a>
First Vice President	Roni Septoff,	<a href="mailto:rsept01@aol.com">rsept01@aol.com</a>
Second Vice President	*	
Teacher Representative	*	
Third Vice President	An Appointed Student Representative	
Fourth Vice President	Tina Velazquez	<a href="mailto:trvelazquez@yahoo.com">trvelazquez@yahoo.com</a>
Treasurer	Jody Wisor,	<a href="mailto:wisorcjck@aol.com">wisorcjck@aol.com</a>
Recording Secretary	Rachel Maines,	<a href="mailto:rachel@aabb.org">rachel@aabb.org</a>
Corresponding Secretary	Carole Levy	<a href="mailto:clevymd@yahoo.com">clevymd@yahoo.com</a>
Delegate	Michael Ibanez	
<b>MCCPTA Delegate:</b>	Position Open	
NCAACP Rep (Parent Council of Representative)	Melody Bell,	<a href="mailto:mcbell15@gmail.com">mcbell15@gmail.com</a>

#### Unfilled Positions - PTSA Committee Volunteers

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

#### **Treasurer's Report – Jody Wisor, wisorcjck@aol.com**

Motion to Approve the Revised 2012- 2013 PTSA Budget

√ All Agreed

The Revised budget was approved at this meeting.

#### **Membership -**

No report

#### **Direct Appeal –**

No report

#### **President- Susan Berkheimer,sherwoodpts@gmail.com.301-370-1489**

##### Graduation

- Graduation ceremony for the Class of 2013 will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 2:30pm at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, DC
- Currently, have on reserves 3 Coach Buses (54 seats each) for graduation
- On hold 1 Bus (47 seats)
  - Buses will leave 20 minutes after the end of the program

The Ceremony at DAR runs about 90 minutes

Sherwood class of 2013 is 2<sup>nd</sup> in line that day for graduation- there is a Graduation Ceremony before Sherwood

Recommendations: – No Bags, Low heels, white or light outfits for the girls since their robes are white

#### **Roni Septoff, After Prom Report**

Contact Roni Septoff , [RSEP01@aol.com](mailto:RSEP01@aol.com)

#### **After Prom**

Theme: Black & White Masquerade

PTSA's GOAL for the "After Prom", is to present an Amazing, Safe & Fun Event for our students

- **Lots of Food, Poker/ Blackjack, Games, Cake Walk, Family Feud, Movie, Pop Corn Machine**
- Minute to Win It**
- Highlight Event of the Evening – The Famed Hypnotist, Jason Lynette**

**After Prom Budget** : currently the AP is still very tight

- Still Looking to collect \$2, 000K
- Cost to run this program is about \$12,000, Another \$4,000 is needed from the parent community.

**Parent & Community contributions are greatly needed**

**Contribution Ideas:**

- money for event
- Parent Time from volunteers - for event set up – the event itself - and event cleanup
- Donations for student giveaways
  - Gift cards, Gas cards, Car wash certificates, Visa, Master Card,
  - new cameras, GPS, Ipod, electronic gadgets.

**Prom - Coach Buses**

**PTSA confirmed that they will set up Coach Buses**

- Coach Buses will be available for a fee of \$ 18.00 per student.
- The Coach Buses will take the students back and forth to the Odyssey Boat in Washington DC from Longwood Recreation
- Prom Coach Bus Program –  
Busses are leaving from Longwood, it is suggested that students bring a bag (for a change of clothes) that will be ticketed and held so they can change when they get back to Longwood at 1 am
  - Longwood Bag Check will have Students Name & Student ID #
  - All Bags will be inspected
  - Students will receive a bus number # & Bus ticket
  - THE PTSA is NOT making a profit on these Coach Buses – they are at cost
  - Buses are separate check from the Prom Tickets

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

**Announced March 5, 2013**

**Montgomery County Public Schools, Superintendent Josh Starr announced he was eliminating the Community Superintendent positions :**

Community Superintendents used to meet monthly with their High School Principals and their Cluster areas  
Now there will now be **3 different Associate Superintendents; one for elementary school, then another one for middle school, and then one for high school**

During the years when Jerry Weast was the superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools the administration of local schools was set up according to Clusters. Each Cluster had a Community Superintendent assigned to that area of the county. Clusters were typically the high school, middle schools and elementary schools in the geographic area. Parents knew that any public school issues in their part of the county were under the supervision of their area's Community Superintendent.

**Today**, Superintendent Joshua Starr announced that he will be eliminating the Community Superintendent positions and replacing them with Associate Superintendents who will oversee levels of schools, not schools in particular areas. For parents, that means that during a child's time in MCPS **they will now come under the direction of 3 different Associate Superintendents; one for elementary school, then another one for middle school, and then one for high school.** Superintendent Starr's e-mail to staff and his new organization chart are shown below.  
<http://parentscoalitionmc.blogspot.com/2013/03/breaking-news-starr-eliminates-clusters.html>

A main focus in Montgomery County Schools will be adding and improving the **Mathematics programs**

- To continue improvements to the MCPS mathematics instructional program
- Creating a Mathematics Implementation Team that will work in schools to improve the capacity of teachers to provide mathematics instruction to students of all abilities
  
- Also adding consulting teachers who will work with new educators and those who are struggling to encourage professional growth

### **A Decrease in Sherwood Staffing**

1.8 positions in Special Education

1.0 In General Education

4 Part time teachers were involuntarily transferred

There were also some voluntary changes in Sherwood staffing

### **PTSA Nominating Committee Chairman, Tina Velazquez, Sherwood HS PTSA 4th Vice President**

**Contact Tina Velazquez [tmjvelazquez@yahoo.com](mailto:tmjvelazquez@yahoo.com) 301-774-8269**

- Sherwood HS PTSA will be electing new leadership in the spring.
- The vacant offices are: PTSA President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.
- PTSA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15th we will be forming a nominating committee.
- Please contact or join us so that we will be able to have a quorum and vote for a nominating committee to begin working with prospective interest parties.
- If you cannot make the PTSA meeting and would like to be a part of the nominating committee, please contact me.

#### Each nominee:

1. Must be a PTA member.
2. Must be enthusiastic and supportive of PTA.
3. Must believe in the basic policies and purposes of the PTA.
4. Must be fair and objective and concerned for the best interests of PTA.
5. Should be willing to attend training.
6. Should have some knowledge of the organization and its role in the school and in the community.
7. Should be willing to give PTA a satisfactory level of priority and commitment, including attendance at meetings.
8. Should be able to work well with people.

### **Corresponding Secretary,**

No new report

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

#### **Co-chairs Contacts :**

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**Next upcoming event: End of the year Luncheon with donated desserts and gift cards**

#### **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.

**After Prom, Roni Septoff; Chairperson, RSEP01@aol.com**

After Prom Décor set up, Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com  
Contact Roni Septoff , RSEP01@aol.com

**Senior Prom**

Class of 2013 - Senior Prom –Friday Evening, May 17<sup>th</sup> , 500 tickets for the Odyssey Cruise  
After Prom is , Saturday 12 am – 4 am , “Lock In”

**The GOAL of After Prom – is to present an Amazing, Safe & Fun Event for our students**

**After Prom Facts**

- After Prom will be held Friday night to Saturday morning.
- Typically, After Prom has been held Saturday night into Sunday morning.
- 675 students attended “After Prom” last year
- Bingo was a bit hit last year
- To be held at Longwood Recreation Center, Friday evening until Saturday morning
- Possible Entertainment: Standup Comedian – approximate for their age group

**After Prom Budget**

- This event cost approximately \$12,000
- The PTSA community completely funds this event with your help
- Last year 225 people gave the \$20,12 donation or more to support After Prom

**Donation Requests, per all Seniors and Juniors Parents**

We ask every Senior parent to PLEASE consider a donation of at least \$20.13 to After-Prom. You do not have to go to Prom to attend After-Prom. After-Prom is a post Prom event that has been free to students for the past 25 years. After-Prom provides a safe environment for post Prom festivities.

**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 – very strict policy – Can miss graduation if in deliberation over an incident.

**After prom Theme Décor/ Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed all night.

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

**Alcohol Regulations – at Prom and all Student Events**

Alcohol use equals possibility 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.

**MCCPTA Delegates - Richard Velazquez; trvelazquez@yahoo.com**

No new update

**Sherwood Cluster Coordinator - Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com**

Meeting held Thursday, March 14th at 7:30pm, hosted by Greenwood Elementary School.

**Suggested Changes on the The "Every 15 Minutes" Program:**

Melody Bell, our NAACP Sherwood Cluster Representative suggested options for **The "Every 15 Minutes" Program:**

The current program might not have enough long term impact on the students. Looking to increase results. Email and Drinking both have negative effects.

Program Options:

- www.nhtsa.gov "wreck it all"
- Distracted Driving Kits
- Full campaigns, You Tube Videos
- Drunk Goggles
- Insurance Agent programs, maybe AAA

Currently this program is scheduled to be held bi-annually

Sherwood is scheduled to hold it this year April 2014.

Update:

Reports are stating that the "Every 15 Minutes" program has a low impact on reducing the impact of Alcohol on Minors

Options: Alcohol Awareness, programs with a lasting awareness

Possible change over to Dare Awareness

Submitted by,  
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 8:30 pm