

## **PTSA Minutes for the November 15, 2011 Meeting**

**Called to Order 7:15 pm**

**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:sherwoodpts@gmail.com">sherwoodpts@gmail.com</a>
First Vice President	Roni Septoff, <a href="mailto:rseptoff@sightsoundssupport.com">rseptoff@sightsoundssupport.com</a>
Second Vice President	*
Teacher Representative	Sandi Williams, <a href="mailto:Sandi_L_Williams@mcpsmd.org">Sandi_L_Williams@mcpsmd.org</a>
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>
Recording Secretary	Rachel Maines, <a href="mailto:rachel@aabb.org">rachel@aabb.org</a>
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Delegate	Ricardo Velazquez, <a href="mailto:trvelazquez@yahoo.com">trvelazquez@yahoo.com</a>
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

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

### **Membership - Jennifer Mazur, BJ Mills**

- The Sherwood Directories should be delivered by November 22, 2011
- The plan is to go to school all next week Monday through Friday at lunch 11:00-11:30 in front of the cafeteria and after school 2:00-2:30 in the Ertzman lobby for distribution.
- Potential changes to how we collect the parent information and hand out Directories  
The Membership Committee could get the high school directory finished in time for homecoming. We could distribute at home games as well as in school.  
At the Sherwood HS games, we could have PTSA membership forms to fill out and parents could join the PTSA and get their Sherwood HS directory at the same time.

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

- Direct Appeal is at 92 % of Goal

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

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### **Sherwood Promethium Boards**

- Allot funds to purchase "promethium boards" for Sherwood HS. Tina supports, and motioned that we allocate funds for these purchases. She shared with Mr. Gregory and Susan, PTSA president, information about a great program that allows us to get additional funds.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Gregory, Sherwood High School Principal  
James T. Heintze, Assistant Principal of Sherwood High School, represented Sherwood High School this evening

Mr. Heintze discussed:

Sherwood's Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) and the strategic plan that Sherwood HS has implemented and mapped out to reach their AYP goals

He also wanted to thank the PTSA and the Parents for the wonderful breakfast, the teachers and the administration staff, were very appreciative.

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

- Reported on the correspondence that she has been managing

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

- ❖ PTSA President, Susan Berkheimer, reported that the Autumn Breakfast was a wonderful event and well managed. Participation and the food from the parents were wonderful.
- ❖ Upcoming event, December holiday treats

**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 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://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

**Sherwood Cluster Coordinator – Arpana Verma; [asverma93@gmail.com](mailto:asverma93@gmail.com) ; Richard Velazquez; [trvelazquez@yahoo.com](mailto:trvelazquez@yahoo.com)**

- ❖ MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Report from Delegate Meeting held October 25, 2011  
Reported by Arpana Verma; c 240-498-8159; Email [asverma93@gmail.com](mailto:asverma93@gmail.com)

Nominations presented for MCCPTA Nominating Committee

Shebra Evans, Cheryl Peirce, Sumbal Sheldon, JoAnn Burl, Janet Sanchez, Laurie Augutino, Susan Fleck

Delegate approval of April Minutes pending from last meeting.

Approval of Standing Rules

Officer Reports - Honor system until Nov 1, 2011 for Delegate cards. Review of speaking rules. (see attached)

Treasurer's Report - Proposed budget was approved with a voice vote.

Committee Reports - (see attached)

Officer Reports presented re MCCPTA committees, planned programs

Treasurer's Report of 2011-2012 Budget (enclosed). Budget was approved. Membership remains constant at around 50K.

New Business: Information on Support for Land Swap Option for Farquhar Middle School. MCCPTA speaks for all their parents, teachers and communities. MCCPTA supports the land swap option for Farquhar Middle School.

Pending Resolutions:

1. Co Location of County Services at MCPS schools: Passed with errors corrected. Existing policies are not adequate.
2. Proposed Resolution on the FY2013 CIP Budget and FY2013-2018 CIP: Passed
3. Teen Curfew Proposal: Declined. New amendment passed in opposition of a Limited Youth Curfew.
4. Proposed Resolution of FY2013 Operating Budget Priorities: Passed with amendment.
5. Proposed MCCPTA FY2013 Operating Budget Compact: Passed
6. Resolution on MCPS Procedures for Site Selection Process: Passed

Next Delegates Meeting: November 22 7:30 pm

**Monday November 21st , 2011 “Listen and Learn Meeting “ at Sherwood**

- ❖ Montgomery County's new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joshua Starr, will be holding a “Listen and learn” event at Sherwood High School in the cafeteria, from 7:00 to 8:30pm

This event is an opportunity for parents and community members to meet Dr. Starr and to offer their views and perspectives of what is working well in MCPS and what the school system can do to improve.

Dr. Starr has a keen interest in hearing directly from parents as he sets his priorities for the school system. This is also an opportunity for parents to learn more about his educational philosophy and leadership style.

I encourage all of you to attend the upcoming “Listen and Learn” event at Sherwood HS. Childcare and interpretation services will be provided.

If you are not able to attend the event on November 21, Dr. Starr is holding other Listen and Learn events during the months of September, October and November. Times and locations are available on the MCPS website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org)

Submitted by,  
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 8:25 pm