

PTSA Minutes for the January 15, 2013 Meeting

Called to Order 7:05 pm

PTSA Officers school year 2012-2013

Slate is as follows:

President	Susan Berkheimer, sherwoodpts@gmail.com
First Vice President	Roni Septoff, rseptoff@sightsoundsupport.com
Second Vice President	*
Teacher Representative	Sandi Williams, Sandi_L_Williams@mcpsmd.org
Third Vice President	An Appointed Student Representative
Fourth Vice President	
Treasurer	Jody Wisnor wisorcjcjk@aol.com
Recording Secretary	Rachel Maines, rachel@aabb.org
Corresponding Secretary	Carole Levy clevymd@yahoo.com
Delegate	Michael Ibanez
MCCPTA Delegate:	Arpana Verma asverma93@gmail.com
NCAACP Rep (Parent Council of Representative)	Melody Bell, mcbell15@gmail.com

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 Wisnor, wisorcjcjk@aol.com

Roni Septoff gave the report – Jodi was absent

Roni briefly went over the operating budget, the \$6,000 scholarship fund.

Membership - Jennifer Mazur, BJ Mills

Roni Septoff gave the report

- Membership is down 98 members

Direct Appeal –

No report

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

Roni Septoff gave the report – Susan was absent

After Prom

- It will be held Friday evening at Longwood Recreation facility
- Buses will be available taking the students back and forth to Odyssey Boat in Washington DC from Longwood Recreation

Graduation

- Graduation ceremony for the Class of 2013 will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 2:30pm at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, DC.

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

- Student numbers at Sherwood are slowly starting to creep up. Currently Sherwood is at 2,017 students.

The Common Core State Standards initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers

A new testing program is being developed to follow with the Common Core State Standards. The tests will be rolled out in the 2014-15 school year, and will replace the MSA

Maryland School Assessment (MSA) determines the proficient and advanced performance on the tests. The Performance Standard determines where the cut score is for students considered to be performing at the proficient and advanced levels

The Common Core State Standards focus on core conceptual understandings and procedures starting in the early grades, thus enabling teachers to take the time needed to teach core concepts and procedures well—and to give students the opportunity to master them.

The Standards set requirements not only for English language arts (ELA) but also for literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects. Just as students must learn to read, write, speak, listen, and use language effectively in a variety of content areas

Mathematics Standards

The new math standards are part of a national curriculum.

Mathematics standards are changing to become more focused and coherent in order to improve mathematics achievement throughout the grade levels and to help students achieve more consistent results. The Standards set grade-specific standards for overall student achievement.

HSA type Social Studies Testing is supposed to come back into the schools in 2017

STEM programs are the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The STEM program was started in 2011. Stem will build into the Maryland Common Core State Curriculum.

The Montgomery county school system is changing out of the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) program which was designed to measure the continuous improvement.

The goal of 100% proficiency was to ensure that all students, not just low performing students, were expected to continuously progress.

Sherwood missed their AYP 2 years for ESOL on the reading performance goal, so we are defined as a failing school.

The new program is the School Performance Index, results were released in November.

Sherwood has a new report card based on the new guidelines for determining accountability and rigorous, realistic progress goals individualized for each school.

Three Scores went well for Algebra, English and Biology

Sherwood is 94 % proficient, state score is 87%

Maryland successfully sought a waiver from some of the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Teacher Evaluations in Montgomery County are still going to be completed as standards to be meet and not just as the new checklist system.

Graduating class achievements are a measurement of teacher and school success.

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

- **Contact Tina Velazquez 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 :

Marguerite Shoop, mkshoop@yahoo.com, 301-570-1268, Sharlene Monroe, sharlenem901@msn.com,
Sharlene@LongandFoster.com 301-648-2025

Next upcoming event: Valentine Treats, candy treats and 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:

This Event is held bi-annually and Sherwood will hold it this year April 2014.

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

After Prom Décor set up, Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com

- **Contact Roni Septoff , RSEP01@aol.com**
- **Class of 2013 - Senior Prom –Friday Evening, May 17th , on the Odyssey Cruise**
- **After Prom is , Saturday 12 am – 4 am , “Lock In”**
- **Working on Arranging Buses from Longwood over to the DC to the Odyssey Cruise ship to pick up and drop off the students**
- **Working on After Prom Theme**
- **Working on After Prom Budget - Parent and Community contributions – needs gifts cards for student giveaways , money for event and time from volunteers for set up – the event itself and cleanup**
 - **Donations, gift cards, gas cards, car wash certificates, visa, master card, looking for a new camera, GPS, Ipad anything electronic. These are used as student prizes.**
- **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 \$15,000 to hold
- 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 – will miss graduation if drinking – very strict policy

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.

After prom Theme Décor/ Volunteers

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

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, so that the requirements to getting to the event can be made

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

No new update

Sherwood Cluster Coordinator –Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com

Submitted by,
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 8:45 pm