

Middletown High School PTSA
Meeting minutes
February 24th, 2009

The Middletown High School PTSA meeting was held on Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 at 7:55pm in the media center after a presentation from the MD Motor Vehicles Administration to educate parents on the Graduated Driver's License Program.

LeAnn Moore called the meeting to order and directed our attention to the displayed purposes of the PTA. A quorum was established. The minutes from the December 15th, 2008 PTSA meeting were read and approved. The approved minutes are to be emailed to Beth Fisher to be posted on the website.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. There was no discussion and the Consent Agenda was approved and will be filed with the minutes from the February 24th PTSA meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Daphne Gabb presented the January reconciliation statement and the financial statement ending February 24th, 2009. There was no discussion and a motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Berno talked briefly about the increasing problems at MHS with drugs (including prescription drugs) and homelessness and offered pamphlets and cards containing information on helping with programs such as foster parenting. Mr. Berno announced that on February 18th, a lock down drill took place at MHS and a series of exercises will be performed to perfect this drill. MHS will host the Academic Tournament at 6pm on Friday February 27th in the auditorium. The Winter Formal will take place on Saturday February 28th from 8-11pm. MHS conferences will take place March 2nd and 3rd and at the March 4th at a faculty meeting a state of the school address will take place stressing the MHS goals and targets.

TEACHER'S REPORT: No teacher report.

STUDENT'S REPORT: Chaperones are still needed for the Winter Formal and adults are still needed to help sell tickets for the dance since students are not allowed to take money. The SGA is planning a talent show for April 17th. Students attended the Baccalaureate meeting but no theme has yet been decided on - parents are still needed for this event to help serve refreshments. The next Baccalaureate meeting will be on March 23rd and they are looking for a student speaker instead of a pastor as this may have more impact on the students.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: LeAnn Moore asked everyone to refer to the consent agenda for a detailed report of activities.

In addition LeAnn offered an update from the February 11th, 2009 FCPS Budget Public Hearing:

1. Effective August 2009 student walking distances will change (this decision was made prior to the public meeting because bus contracts needed to be signed). Elementary students walking distance will increase 1/2 mile and Secondary students walking distance will increase 1/4 mile.

2. Superintendent Linda Burgee presented the FCPS 2010 operating Budget details and stressed an anticipated shortfall of \$18,646,730 and are looking at base budget reductions.

3. FCPS seeks a student member to the BOE. The deadline for applying is March 30th, 2009. Go to www.fcps.org for more details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Nominating Committee: Sabrina Williams has already volunteered to be a member of this committee but 2 more members are needed to form the committee. Diane Higginbotham volunteered to be a member but 1 more person is still needed.

B. MD PTA Honorary Life Member: A nominee was discussed and will be awarded in April.

C. PTA Bulletin Board: The bulletin board is now up in the MHS front hall. This will be a good communication tool.

D. Teacher Appreciation: Plan of work to be discussed and approved at the March PTSA meeting. SGA offered up an idea for notes to the teachers from students on fish cut outs and the 'Sea of Compliments' to be mounted on the bulletin board.

E. Winter Formal: This is to be held on February 28th from 8-11pm. Volunteers and chaperones are still needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hospitality: Teacher conference dinner will be held on 3/2, people will be called or emailed if help is still needed with this.

Knights Newsletter: The deadline for the hard copy newsletter is Thursday February 26th.

Members were asked to refer to the Consent Agenda for any other Committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bulletin Board: A person is still needed to help with the PTSA bulletin board. Contact LeAnn Moore if you are interested and able to help out with this.

B. March 17th, 2009 MHS PTSA meeting conflict: The MHS Empty Bowls Banquet is scheduled for the same date at 6pm. A decision was made not to move the PTSA meeting to a different date but to take advantage of having parents in the building and move the time of the meeting to 7:30pm which would enable people to attend both the banquet and the PTSA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm