

**Middletown High School PTSA**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**November 18th, 2008**

The Middletown High School PTSA meeting was held on Tuesday, November 18th, 2008 at 7pm in the media center. 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 September 16th General Meeting, 2008 meeting were read and approved for filing. The approved minutes are to be emailed to Beth Fisher to be posted on the website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Daphne Gabb presented the financial statement ending October 31st, 2008. Daphne presented the financial statement through 11/18 and noted that MHS PTSA is currently 2 members over the Membership goal and \$385 over in the Write a Check campaign. Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

A. Proposed revised budget-motion: Daphne made a motion to add \$100 to the budget line item PTA Supplies, bringing the total for PTA Supplies to \$300, in order to purchase supplies for a PTSA bulletin board. This motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

B. Budget adjustment for Reflections Program-motion: There were 17 Reflections entries in the Film, Literature, Photography and Visual Arts. A request was made to increase the Reflections Program budget in order to offer \$20 for 1st place winners, \$10 each for 2nd and 3rd place winners, \$5 for each participating judge and to cover the cost of certificates. This would bring the Reflections Program total to \$150 (up from \$100). A motion was made and seconded to move \$50 from Miscellaneous Programs to the Reflections Program. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

A. Membership: Total MHS PTSA Membership is 382.

B. Principal/PTSA meeting, Nov 11th, 2008: FCPS and PTA Council brought principals and PTA presidents together in order to learn about Family Involvement and to begin dialogue regarding family involvement at their schools. LeAnn and Mr. Berno had a discussion about areas for improvement at MHS regarding communication. Mr. Berno asked LeAnn to get feedback from parents regarding the communication vehicles at MHS. LeAnn asked everyone to voice their opinions and suggestions about effective methods of communication at MHS by Nov 24th.

C. MD PTA Convention: LeAnn Moore, Kathy McCahey and Daphne Gabb attended the MD PTA Convention on Nov 14th and 15th. Ann Henderson was the guest speaker and her main focus was advocacy - parents need to understand how the school system works and become involved in making it better, parents need to become engaged with their school, schools need to provide the atmosphere for engagement and the support as to how to interact.

D. Leadership Training: Free leadership training is available from FCPS for family members with the "Raising the Sails" program. Classes are 1/10, 2/7, 3/7 and 4/4 from 8:30-12:00 noon at Lincoln Elementary.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Berno reported that the School Improvement Plan was presented to the MHS department chairs this week and focused on 6 categories: Professional Learning Communities, define and prescribe interventions, increases in AP and SAT participation and performance, increase CRES and HSA scores, post secondary education/training, targeted disciplinary categories. Mr. Berno also reported that the feeder pattern is working on a DVD showing what's involved in getting a child from Pre K through 12th grade and on to college successfully.

**STUDENT'S REPORT:** SGA is participating in making cards for soldiers, reading to the Elementary School children, Adopt a Family program and selling concessions at basketball games.

**TEACHER'S REPORT:** no teacher report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Superintendent's Chat with Linda Burgee and other FCPS employees will take place on Nov 20th, 2008 from 1:00-2:30pm in the Community Room at C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick.
- Tuesday Dec 16th, 2008 - MHS PTSA meeting at 7:00pm in the media center.
- January 26th, 2009 - PTA Council of Frederick County General Meeting from 7:00-9:00pm at Monocacy Middle.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm for a drug and alcohol presentation from Corporal Scott Blundell (MHS Resource Officer)