

MHS PTSO
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019

Members present

Melissa Conner, Kristin Dockery, Jean Blackburn, Nicole Shiver, Lakishia Goss, Christy Alexander, Karen Van Son, Kit Tisdale, Angela Kowalski, Jill Harper, Vivian Wyatt, Kristie Ballew, Kristy Stott, Connie Huffman, Kim Almand, Angela Gamble, Bella Bostrom (Student Council) and Greg Roach.

Melissa Conner called the meeting to order at 12:32pm

Student Council Report

- Kicked off school year well with Junior and Senior representatives chosen. Sophomore student council representative applications are being submitted and office elections will follow.
- Sophomore orientation was a huge success with 94% of the class attending. One of the largest turnouts recorded.

Administrative Report – Mr. Roach

- Sophomore orientation huge success with great representation by our Student Council.
- Great start to the school year. All grade levels have been here and ready to go. Have had excellent attendance from all grade levels beginning with the first day.
- Device deployment went well with 88-90% of students having devices on the first day. The online registration ahead of time was efficient and helped tremendously in deployment of devices this year.
- Guidance did a great job helping to get the school year off to a good start.
- MHS had a 90% retention rate on teachers and have several excellent new hires.
- Open House for MHS will be Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 for grade level meetings and 7:15-8:30 for rotations through classroom schedules. A robo call and email reminders will be going out to parents. Information presented at the open house will be available on the school website for those who cannot attend.

Secretary's report

- Nicole Shiver made a motion to approve the minutes and Vivian Wyatt seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report

- Two additional My Reel Life sponsor payments came in.
- \$500 was paid toward purchase of red stoles for graduation.
- Balance to start the year is \$10,206.78.
- Christy Alexander made a motion to approve the financial report, Kristy Stott seconded the motion. Financial report was approved.

Financial discussion

Discussion of proposed new budget for 2019-20 school year:

- My Reel Life income proposed to be \$6000.
- Student Appreciation budget to be increased to \$2500 to allow us to buy ice cream and gift cards four times a year.
- Increase the budget for Teacher Appreciation to \$2500 to allow us to provide a catered lunch to teachers twice a year.
- Administrative, Teacher and Student support budget to be \$1000 (similar to last year)
- Jean is starting the process of PTSO becoming a 501c3 organization because we have been raising over \$5000 annually. There is a \$275 tax exempt filing fee.
- Kristen Dockery made a motion to approve the changes to the budget and Nicole Shiver seconded the motion. Budget was approved.

Parent Education Committee

- We have had low attendance historically. Discussion on whether we should continue to provide these opportunities to parents. Discussed not assigning a committee chair and seeing if interest arose in future. Discussed collaborating with Administration to do sessions during the open houses. Possible that will have more attendance if the school sponsors/organizes the session and PTSO assists with the presentation. We put the Parent Ed on the list of committees to be discussed further at future meetings.

Student incentives

- Chairs are Nicole Shiver, Jean Blackburn, and Jill Harper. Assisting will be Christy Alexander, Kristy Stott, and Kristie Ballew.
- The first one of the school year will be Thursday, October 3.

Teacher appreciation

- Chairs are Connie Huffman, Lakishia Goss, Angela Gamble, and Tracy Bolling.
- The first one will be in November during Teacher Appreciation week.

My Reel Life

- Event will be April 17, 2020.
- The committee consists of Nicole Shiver, Christy Alexander, Kristy Stott, Kristen Dockery, and Angela Gamble.

Facebook and Website updates

- Angela Gamble will do these updates.

Parent Ambassadors

- The role of this committee would be to email and welcome new families to the school.
- Mr. Roach will check with Guidance to see if this service is needed or if Guidance handles this directly.
- We will revisit the need for this at our next meeting.

Grounds and Maintenance Committee

- Committee is no longer needed because we have a company that donates its services in exchange for advertisement at My Reel Life.

Newsletter

- No longer needed because Stacy Travis at MHS is handling this from the school side.

Graduation and Perfect Attendance

- Committee is no longer needed because the school handles this. We are available if a need arises.

A motion was made by Christy Alexander to approve selection of Committees and Committee Chairs. Vivian Wyatt seconded the motion. Committee selections were approved.

PTSO Meeting Calendar for 2019-2020

September 11

October 16 (because normal day would have been Oct. 9 during fall break)

November 13

December 11

January 8

February 12

March 11

April 8

May 13

New Business:

- Sign up for the August 24, Rebel Run!
- Students who cannot attend can do a virtual run for \$15!

Meeting adjourned at 1:29pm