

Maryville Junior High PAC

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Opening: The regular meeting was called to order at 11:37 am on 9/26/25 by Ceteka Holder.

Present: Ceteka Holder, Dustin Park, Kandi Yeager, Stacy Greene, Afton Ketron, Alana Myers, Sarah Rhoden, Rommina Dobrovolny, Jesi Winbigler, Sarah Hardin, Sara Williamson, Emily Webb

Vote: Dustin Park made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/19/25. Sarah Williamson seconded; all in favor.

Financial Report: Dustin Park reported that as of 9/16/25 an additional \$2,500 has been collected in sponsorships bringing the total to \$4,750. An itemized list was made available for further information. Reported that 2 grants applications remain. After discussion, recommended leaving grant requests open until October meeting and board to request more information from the school administration about the portable chargers and chess set. Board agreed sponsorships will also be left open until fall break. Dustin made a motion to approve financial report. Stacy Greene seconded; all in favor.

Sponsorship: Ceteka Holder requested updates about sponsorships. Kandi contacted Property Squad and they are a possibility. Stacy Greene reported CFPC possible, Jonathan Greene - yes, Balloons and Co - yes. Alana reported Ryan and Michelle Smith - yes, asking Jackson & Weir, Summer Robinson, and Shelter Insurance, Emily will ask ESS and Blount Discount Pharmacy, Jesi will ask Maryville Family pediatrics. Dustin will ask Leon Williams. Ceteka will ask Roger Newman Electric. Levels will be posted again on social media.

Butter Braids: Alana Myers reported new administration approved plan incentivizing students with Chick-fil-a chicken minis and one ticket for (1 of 3) \$50 Amazon gift cards if students sell 1 butter braid. Every additional braid would equal 2 more raffle tickets. West Broadway Chick-fil-a will likely either provide 50% off trays for the breakfast or possible donate all the minis depending on amount requested. They will also bring the cow mascot for the raffle. Promo Videos will be filmed and edited by Emily Webb (time donated to PAC by Express Strategic Services) to go out on social media and in the classroom. Question raised about how to include students who might be unable to buy a butter braid. Suggestion made to ask school counselors for names of kids to include that might be excluded by cost.

Administrative Report: David Combs, Nick Kessler, Amanda Mullen, Regina Cox, Kim Nizinski, Angie Kizer

Mr. Combs offered a huge thank you to PAC for the coffee day. Loved seeing the volunteers in school. Reported that school-wise, their "legs are finally under us, and we're going!" Athletics: football, volleyball, dance, cheer and tennis are all in season, with something every night. 8th grade night for softball and volleyball have both taken place. The MMS Dance Team is new this year and has a new studio at MJHS utilized by MJHS and MHS. David and Mike Wise cleaned out a space in the building that is not ADA complaint for classrooms, but perfect for a studio for the dance team with mirrors and flooring.

Amanda Mullen reported on Academic Deans with a reminder about its focus and reported 150 referrals so far. They plan to pull failure reports every Tuesday and have discussions with students and teachers. They then meet with students and teachers to create a plan to recover and get back on track. Great team of core teachers that provide support to those students. Also 117 merits (shout outs for students) have been awarded so far this school year. Admin reported that merits can be awarded for anything, examples: seeing students help with carrying and pitching in, shout outs for character. Good way to elevate all kids.

School counselor report - 2025/2026 is the largest enrollment they've had. 2-3 new students were enrolled just this week, and they anticipate more enrolling.

Board asked questions about outstanding grants. Board reported approving Mike Wise's Ready Graduate grant, and buses for English field trip last meeting. Board requested more information about rechargeable stations for math department. Combs responded that they are "trying to put fingers in dam", the battery life in aging computers causes laptops to die daily. MJHS has some stations already, but it's not enough. The stations will be used primarily as a fix for this year, but beyond 2026, they can still be utilized for any devices that needs charging without massive classroom interruption. The math department only has 2 outlets per classroom which makes charging multiple laptops impossible. Board asked for more information about the chess set grant. Combs reported piloting a regular chess board in the cafeteria that kids have flocked to during lunch. Admin loves that it is student managed and directed, and feel it is very successful so far. The giant chess set would be placed in the open area near the library or teacher cafe during lunch for games. Of the two, admin would like the portable battery grant prioritized.

Board reported to admin that we are still taking more grant requests for fall - to be presented at October meeting.

Alana- reported the promo for butter braids will be posted on social media. Asked for approval from administration to also be played at school. Admin said yes, during lunch and homeroom.

Admin reported that the student council new student welcome will happen on 9/17/25. Open to all students new to MCS from fall and spring. Good way to meet administration and representatives from the student body.

Administration left and discussion continued with the PAC.

Teacher Appreciation: Afton - next up are Bundt Cakes in December

Career Fair - Kandi and Stacy met with Mr. Wise and Angie Kizer and reported a focus this year on 5 career pathways. Looking for: video game designer, pro athlete or agent, welder, news professional, autobody. 9th grade career fair to take place November 13th. Need volunteers to stay after school for set-up November 12th and arrive November 13th at 7am. The 9th grade career fair utilizes the whole gym with setup by career section. Incentivize soft skills - eye contact and handshakes. Students are rewarded for interactions. Reminded the PAC this is also the butter braid delivery day and need volunteers. Asked for those in attendance to reach out to professionals in the community for gift cards as rewards for students. Jessica Coppenger is shadowing for next year. Kandi suggested a replacement for career fair when 9th grade moves to the high school - My Real Life: a program that some are familiar with from the high school. Teaches financial aid, career paths, college preparation, but run as a real life game of Life. Lets students compete for how much you make, how much you get to spend, etc. Suggested it might be fun and engaging for middle school aged students.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by interim secretary Emily Webb