Maryville Junior High PAC

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Opening: The regular meeting began at 11:35 am on Tuesday, 8-18-26.

Present: Dustin Park, Stephanie Hale, Afton Ketron, Stacy Drombetta, Renee Poole, Patty Ramsey, Erin Phelps, Yoko Urata, Rommina Dobrovolny, Amanda Bishop, Carrie Riddle, Paige Krom, Patty Prugh, Kim Hill, Stephanie Dunn, Audrey Deyton

Introductions: Introductions were made around the room. Dustin shared about how the roles of the PAC will change with the school transition. Now is the time to recruit new members, as the entire board will change next year. Patty Ramsey, the current VP, will have a rising student next year and will be a continuing board member, serving as president next year. Other changes- this will likely be the last year that we do Butter Braids. That committee will become Fundraising. The Career Fair will also go away, as that is a 9th grade event. Dustin spoke about sponsorships. We would like to have all sponsors in place before the career fair so logos can be on the banner and yard signs. Teacher Appreciation will continue, serving teachers four times a year. The PAC also handles teacher grant requests.

Minutes: Dustin moved to approve the May minutes. Paige seconded, all in favor.

Financial Report: Amanda is not on the account yet, so she verbally updated with balances. There will be a written report at the next meeting. We have over $4,000 to begin the year, including the $3,000 reserve.

Grants: Two grant requests have already come in: Mike Wise for Ready Graduate appreciation and gifts and Camryn Taylor for a work-based learning program snack cart and supplies to be run by CDC students and peers. Approving both now would cut into the reserve. It was suggested that the Maryville City Schools Foundation be asked to fund the cart and the PAC buy the consumable supplies. Dustin and Patty R. will take that request to the MCSF. Paige made a motion to approve the grant for Mr. Wise. Amanda seconded, all in favor. Renee made a motion to approve the $500 for consumables for Ms. Taylor. Stacy seconded, all in favor. If the MCSF declines to fund the cart, we will readdress this issue via email.

Butter Braids: Paige will make sure all order forms go home before fall break. Butter Braids will be delivered on November 12, which is the same day as the Career Fair.

Teacher Appreciation: Afton shared that there are 4 times a year for teacher appreciation events. The first will be in September and it is the Quick Fix Coffee delivery. We will need help delivering those drinks to teachers. It will be the morning of Sept. 15 before our PAC

meeting. December will be Bundt Cakes, February Stock the Workroom, May Katie's Pretzels.

Administrative Report: Administration in attendance: Kiser, Nizinski, Strom, Wise, Mullen Harris, Combs

Mr. Wise shared what the Ready Graduate program is working on- drunk goggles this week in lunch and partnering with area businesses for Lunch and Learns.

Mrs. Strom is an academic dean, along with Hollander and Kuban. They have been talking to homerooms this week about the Dean's List. They do merits and shout outs, have academic expeditions, and the dean's list. They also will have academic focus groups for some students to support getting them to a passing grade. Since starting these focus groups, fewer students have needed summer school. There will also be intramurals, both academic and athletic, from homeroom classes. Each class will create a shield logo for their team and have other team building activities.

Mr. Combs shared that they are tightening the homeroom schedule with focus this year to gear up for the transition. Studies show organization and planning lead to student success, so homeroom time will focus on this with agenda calendars for all students and teaching them how to write down their to do lists and assignments. This organization will be on Mondays. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be traditional study hall. Wednesdays and Fridays will be intramurals or a study skills lesson. They are working on opportunities to increase student experiences with events such as 8th grade night at a football game, etc. More information about the future of MJHS will be announced at September's school board meeting. The gym floor is still being completed and will hopefully be done soon.

Afton inquired about ordering new PAC shirts, but we don't want to if the school name will change. Mr. Combs said to wait on this until after September's board meeting.

Dustin mentioned again that our entire PAC board will change, so people need to recruit parents of rising MJHS students next year. Hopefully some of those can attend a few meetings this year to see it.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:20 pm. The next meeting is September 15, 2026, at 11:30 am.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Hale