

Meeting started at 7:04pm.

Attendance: Amy Butts, Amy Cagle, Amy Fulk, Ann Edmondson, Ashlyn Mclean, Asia Chavis, Brian Saunders, Brooks Andrews, Cindy McShea, Courtney DiFruscio, Dawn Batholomew, Dwayne Corbett, Emily Finney, Gretchen McDuffie, Jahyeda Casiano, Jennifer Enzor, Jennifer Finnell, Jodi Bulmer, Joy Tanner, Julie Karg, Kara Bundy, Kathy Parzygnat, Kelly Clay, Kierston Bartney, Kimberly Reynolds, Marie Lounsbery, Marla Myers, Michelle Keller, Mindy McGinnis, Moira Roberts, Morgan Blue, Sandy Retzlaff, Sarah O'Connor, Sean Smith, Shruti Corbett, Susan Reynolds, Tracy VanderMeer, Warren Holman.

A quorum was met.

PTSA President – Jodi Bulmer

- Summer mailing event needed to be carried to an extra day of stuffing due to the size of enrollment!
- The Wildcat Club has been great support with parent resource and collaboration.
- Hospitality Team (Newcomer camp, welcome back lunch) on the ball and organized and those were a success
- Landscaping overhaul from volunteers and Alum was tremendous! Special thank you to Boodin Family for all their support and help.
- School got a soft power wash through a connection with the Wildcat Club Athletics which was very impactful! Photos were shared on the PTSA Social Media pages.
- PTA Reflection program is back at MHS as an opportunity for the students to engage in. The communications via arts teachers and social platforms are out.

Principal Update – Dr. Saunders

- Landscaping help was appreciated – proud impression when visiting schools and families come on campus.
- We are fully staffed and we had a successful hiring season.
- NC Report Card was a B – went from 70 to 73 in what was already a challenging year! Graduation rate is highest in history at 91.2%.
- Math 1 went up, Math 3 and English 2 went up.
- HVAC issues (Ms. Goblet classroom area is a section of the main building that does not have AC – if temperatures reach 78 or higher, those classes have to relocate.) Relocation plan did not work and school needed to be canceled. HVAC rep got it fixed and now comfortable in there again.
- Dr. Saunders, Rick King and others presented to the WCPSS Board a request to allow 4 blocks of the road on campus to be named “Dana King Way”. It was APPROVED.
- Homecoming Game kick off set for 7:30pm to allow for pregame Alumni events.

AP Reports – Ms. Bartney

- Thank you to parents for donations given to Mr. Delgado and his family that have been relocated here for the next 5 years.
- Thank you for the shout outs for the Substitute Appreciation Week.
- Homecoming Pep Rally will be in the stadium this year – Please no rain!

Millbrook Executive Board - Natalie Gonzalez -VP and Helena Nguyen - Social Media Liaison

- Next week is Homecoming Dance, theme is “Under the Sea”. MEB is asking the PTSA for help getting snacks (chips, etc...) for a reception. The reception is hosted by MEB for the Homecoming Court Winners and their family.
- Tickets for the dance are on the GoFan app, the tickets are not sold at the door the evening of the Dance.

Secretary’s Report – Kathy Parzygnat

Warren Holman made a motion to approve the May 2023 Minutes and was seconded by Brooks Andrews.

Treasurer’s Report – Amy Cagle

- End of year audit in July, and submitted it for compliance, the new budget has a few changes from last year including: Facilities, improvement budget will be used for landscaping and power washing the school, hospitality and staff appreciation were combined into one budget, senior support and freshman. Support funds were also added to support Cats Camp for the freshman and various senior activities.

The budget was approved unanimously, Amy Fulk asked for a motion to approve the budget and was seconded by Morgan Blue.

*Officer & Committee Reports:*

**VP Fundraising – Shawn Jackson**

- Membership /Swag Distribution – Karen Noon – 268 members currently. Silver members get a tote bag (\$100), Gold gets a logo cup (\$200) and Platinum gets both items (\$300). The logo cup is in stock and ready to hand out – they are still waiting on the tote bags to be delivered.
- WIN/Family Adoption – Marla Myers, Shawn Jackson – for families that need extra help with food, bills, clothing, support of some kind. We maintain a year-round food pantry. Mrs. Casinao is our faculty point that lets the PTSA need what help is needed. WIN also helps with Holiday Cheer! Last year they helped 17 families.
- Spirit Night chair still needed – working to schedule Sunset Slush, Goodberry’s at both locations and Gonza/Two Roosters for a combo night!

**VP of Staff and Students Events – Julie Karg**

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation – Sarah O’Connor and Co-Chair Kara Bundy

- Have a team of 6 people also helping! Friday is an Assistant Teachers Appreciation Luncheon and they are hosting a lunch for them. Please reach out if you are able to help! Help needed can be: making sandwiches, helping to serve food, picking up items

#### IB Learner Trait Breakfast on 9/29

- Teachers nominate freshmen students that show the IB traits, they bring in one or two senior students to talk to the freshmen about getting involved.

**ACTION ITEM: NEED TO LEARN WHICH TRAITS ARE BEING HONORED AT THE FIRST IB BREAKFAST, SO WE CAN UPDATE THE DIGITAL MARKETING FILE.**

#### Academic Excellence Celebration - Sue Reynolds, Joy Tanner

- Was a breakfast and had challenging getting enough for \*at times\* 900 students so they are doing more snack foods now. Usually done 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with a 3.5 unweighted GPA. In talks about switching the dates, but still not decided yet; Heavy volunteer help is needed; 4-5 people on planning committee but more help would be welcomed!
- Early Graduation 2/1 at 6:30pm; Usually around 45 kids and the Board handles that; not much volunteer help needed.
- Reflections - Kris Hague; Reflections back to MHS after 15-18 years ago; Any kind of arts. Reflections flyer went out to all the teachers today. This program is OPEN TO ALL kids. Deadline is October.
- Grants Review – Sue Reynolds; Update will be given at the November General PTSA meetings; Teachers are applying for Grants.

#### Advocacy – Brooks Andrews

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Barbara Burgess
- District 3 BAC - Marilee Johnson 9/18 0 5:30-7pm next BAC meeting

#### At-Large Reports – Amy Fulk, Ann Edmondson

- Senior Events – Breakfast in Winter, Picnic near the year, the class of 2024 Seniors were the kids that missed 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of celebrations, Base is provided by the school for senior events and the senior fee pays for the senior gift, stole, diploma cover
- SUG and Volunteers – Completely open now since most dates are now solid and wide open.

#### New Business

Nothing New to Report

#### Adjourn Meeting at 7:55pm

**NEXT PTSA GENERAL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 6 AT 7:00PM (PROGRESS AND PLANS)**