

Millbrook High School
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009

Present: Nina Honeycutt, Penny Cobb, Janet Feist, Denise Kirkland, Lisa Pendergrass, Leeann Efird, Tara Drouhard, Kelly Aman, Dana King, Katie Kingsbery, Melissa Reilly, Lois Knauff, Clare Campbell, Melinda Cook, Tammy Vinsel, Jody, Gross, Susan Buchenberger

Denise Kirkland called the meeting to order. She reminded everyone to sign and welcomed our two guests.

Student Guest speaker – Braden Pascoe, a representative from the Senior Class Council spoke to about an upcoming event, “Cookies on the Run” that has never been done before. Students and community members will run in a 5K run on Saturday, March 28, running half of the race, eating 13 chocolate chip cookies (one for each year of schooling) and running the remainder of the race. The council needs the help of the PTSA in providing cookies for the event. Money raised during the event will go towards the senior class gift and the senior carnival.

Principal’s Report –

The 10th grade writing test is going to be administered tomorrow (March 10). A tornado drill will be held on Thursday (March 12). Spring Break is impacted due to make-up snow days. Parents with concerns are urged to e-mail Ms. King.

Tara Drouhard – Assistant Principal

Freshman and sophomore students can now login into their SPAN accounts to register for classes. Parents can view their student’s account but cannot make changes Classes are driven by interest generated in this process. Juniors will meet individually with their counselors. Thank you to the Cultural Arts Committee for the last event which was wonderful – an improvisational troupe.

Kelly Aman - Asst. Principal Wildcat Academy

Three seniors were interviewed and will be on the TV show “Full Circle”. They did a great job. Several Millbrook teachers will attend the upcoming “Grading Practices Workshop”. Saturday School, which is an intensive review class offered in EOC subjects, will be offered this spring. The schedule for these review sessions will be published after Spring Break.

Carla Allen – Student Services

1. March is registration month. Student Services is very busy during this time registering all students.

2. This Thursday Junior Parent Night will be held at 7pm. NC State, Wake Tech, Meredith and NCCU will have representatives there.
3. This Wednesday night at 6:30pm the third in our series of Parent Skills classes will be held. – Drugs Uncovered. This event is sponsored by the Poe Center.

Guest Speaker – David Ansbacher, WCPSS Senior Director Magnet Programs

Mr. Ansbacher reported that next year will be a planning year for MHS as it looks ahead to the implementation of the IB program. Of interest is that a survey showed most of those parents applying for the IB program did so because of a friend's recommendation. This makes the Millbrook community very important in the marketing and recruiting of students for this program. A PowerPoint presentation (see attached handout) by Mr. Ansbacher made the following points:

1. Each IB will look different from school to school
2. Millbrook will be joining a global community of schools
3. Reviewed the IB mission statement
4. The timeline involves several years to final authorization
5. The Middle Years Programme is in grades 6 – 10 with 8 core subjects
6. The Diploma Programme is in grades 11-12
7. The IB program has a learner profile.

Katie Kingsbery – Secretary

Minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting were approved.

Penny Cobbs – Treasurer

The budget report as of 3/2/09 was approved.

Janet Feist and Melissa Reilly – fundraising

Directories are still on sale for \$2 each. We are still waiting on a check for \$1400 from Target. Spirit Night will be held at Andy's on Tuesday March 24. A portion of the proceeds from that night will go to the MHS PTSA. The fundraising report is attached.

Announcements –

- A Parent Collection of books was purchased for the library with funds from the NCPTA parent involvement grant.
- MHS PTSA received the NC PTA Gold Key Membership Award
- Parent Skills: Drugs Uncovered to be held March 11 at 6:30
- The Career Fair will be held on March 11 from 8am – 1:30pm. This is a chance for sophomores to explore various career ideas
- April 25 will be MHS Green Day

-MHS will be hosting the Board Advisory Council Meeting on April 15

Committee Reports –

-Building and Grounds – the crepe myrtles have been trimmed and the matching blue pot has been purchased.

-Hospitality – an ACC luncheon will be held for the MHS staff.

-Membership – current PTSA membership is at 359 families with 54 at the premium level.

-Newsletter – April 10 is the deadline.

-Senior Reception – the committee is receiving checks in response to the letter it sent out.

-Newsletter mailing – the board will possibly need to make changes to its current policy of mailing the newsletter due to costs and changes in the postal service's policies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Kingsbery, Secretary.