

Col. Zadok Magruder High School



Home of the Colonels

Parent Teacher Student Association

MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2006

I. Call to Order: President Martha Schaerr called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. President's Report—Martha Schaerr

- Principal Selection: Meeting with Mr. Talley will be Thursday, 2/22/07. Selection Committee interviews will be on 3/16/07. Selection may be announced by 4/19/07. Committee is comprised of 5 parents, 5 students, 5 teachers, 5 community members. Mr. Evans is a candidate.
- Nominating Committee: Called for volunteers; slated elected by PTSA Board on 3/9/07.
- 2008 Graduation Venue: MHS is one of 4 large high schools that will have the Comcast Center option for 2008 graduation. It would cost more than Constitution Hall..

III. Principal's Report—Mr. Evans

- Mr. Evans applauded the Robotics Team, who received a grant from the Secretary of Commerce during his visit to Magruder. The competition is in March at the Naval Academy.
- Parents are invited to respond to the Parent Survey on the Web and/or to email him with comments.
- Parent comments and insights about lunch schedules are welcome either by responding to another online survey or email comments.
- Hispanic Parent Cluster Breakfast is 3/13/07; PTSA parent support is needed.
- Counselors will be meeting with 8th graders regarding class selection.
- Graduate Schedule: There will be no classes on graduation day. A schedule of key dates for seniors is on the MHS Web site.

IV. Approval of Minutes—Joe Stewart moved to approve minutes. Seconded. Passed.

V. Treasurer's Report is online at PTSA Web Site.

VI. MCCPTA Delegate's Report will be posted on the PTSA Web site.

VII. Committee Reports

1. Marketing Magruder Initiative—Kelly Hartman asked for volunteers – and suggestions for volunteers – from each MHS feeder school. Beatrice Hanson of Redland volunteered. khart62645@aol.com.
2. Staff Appreciation—Maureen Hanson thanks parents and asked for volunteers for March and for the May Super Salad Bar, which coincides with Teacher Appreciation Week. mphanson123@comcast.net
3. Academic Affairs—Susan Whyte Simon reported
 - NHS/Leadership Opportunities: In an effort to help students build their resumes, PTSA is seeking student chairs for Marketing Initiative and other committees.
 - Steinberg Award Update: Henry Lee is chairing the committee and meeting with Ms. Bozzo. 2007-08 Chair is needed. Funding needed to purchase plaque for MHS inscribed with student recipient names. Susan Simon moved the PTSA approve an additional \$125.00 for the purchase of a Steinberg Plaque. Seconded. Carried.
 - Magruder Award Update: Helen Zakour has started the nomination process.

VIII. New Business

1. Special Ed behavior modification program – Debbie Crone asked PTSA to consider allocating \$200.00 for the purchase of treats to reward students. Joe Stewart moved to allocate \$200.00, once Ms. Crone works with Maureen Hanson to look at ways to get this request subsidized by parents or companies. Seconded. Passed.
2. Music – Mr Eisenhower asked for funding to defray the cost of premiering a new musical composition on May 16 in honor of a MHS band alumnus who was killed in action in Iraq. Susan Whyte Simon moved the PTSA contribute up to \$200.00 (exact amount depending on budget as indicated by Denise Zdelar’s next report at Board Meeting.). Seconded. Passed.
3. Proposal for an MHS Educational Foundation – Louis Wilen presented a concept to fund new and special programs and equipment for MHS. He will post the presentation on the PTSA Web site and elicit further comments. Joe Stewart moved to form an Ad Hoc. Committee to come back with recommendations on the Foundation concept for the March or April meeting. Seconded. Passed.

IX. Adjournment: Martha Schaerr adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

X. FAMILY LIFE CURRICULUM FORUM:

Following the meeting, the Forum included presentations by members of the MCPS Citizens’ Advisory Committee members Dr. Carol Plotsky, Chair; Ms. Margaret Ellen Johnson, Student Member; and Dr. Ruth Jacobs, Minority Report Author.