

**George C. Marshall PTSA
Board Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016**

Attending: See Attachment A

Meeting: The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Guest Presentation:

- Joycelyn Hsu, Board Member for Real Foods for Kids, was present to provide information about the Real Foods for Kids program
- The program was founded five years ago
- Statesmen Station is the result of the Real Foods program. It offers a healthy food station for Marshall students and staff.
- There is a working farm in Great Falls that provides fresh organic produce to Fairfax County schools
- Real Foods will be hosting a culinary competition on Saturday, March 12th, from 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. at Robinson High School. Celebrity guests will be present to join in the fun.
- The theme this year is “Meal Makeover.” Those competing will be asked to turn something unhealthy into something healthy.
- Joycelyn is requesting assistance with grant writing and marketing to fund and promote the program

IB Language and Literature Presentation:

- Cindy Blakeley from Student Services and representatives from the IB and English departments were present to provide the committee with a preview of the new IB Language and Literature (L&L) curriculum that is under consideration
- Marshall is very interested in becoming an all IB English school for 11th and 12th graders
- A survey of Marshall teachers indicates that Marshall is a great place to be a student and a teacher
- The “Marshall Way” is to focus on continuous improvement and what is best for our kids

Martha Noone, English Chair and Julie Curtin, English Teacher:

- Reasons why Marshall is moving in the IB Language and Literature direction:
 - * Surveys and studies indicate the program is very successful at other schools
 - * Students will get more out of classes and will feel more invested
 - * An assessment revealed what/how kids enjoy learning
- IB L&L has four parts: two parts in 11th grade and two parts in 12th grade
- The language element will help prepare students for college and future careers
- If we decide to proceed with IB L&L, the change will occur over two years
- IB L&L will only be offered at the Standard Level (SL). Currently, IB classes are offered as SL or HL
- The goal is to provide more information on the new IB L&L curriculum during Community Night at the end of January, early February if the new program is approved

Principal's Report:

- The Principal report was given in conjunction with the IB L&L presentation

Treasurer's Report:

- Maureen presented the financials ending December 2015
- Our dues and income are at tracking slightly above budget
- An additional \$200 came in for PTSA dues during December
- An additional \$1,500 came in from SAT fundraiser
- International Night came in under budget

President's Report:

- The November 9th and December 7th meeting minutes were approved and adopted
- The Hospitality Committee will be meeting on January 7th at 9:30 am in the school library
- Linda reminded everyone to show support in numbers at the upcoming FCPS Budget Meeting on Thursday, January 7th and another meeting to State Delegates on Saturday, January 9th
- Superintendent Dr. Gaza will present a budget to the School Board that for the first time in nine years, includes no cuts

Committee Reports:

All Night Grads (Becky Foster)

- The Silent Auction will take place from March 4th through March 13th
- Donations for goods, services, and gift cards are greatly needed in order to make the auction a success
- Auction bidding is open to anyone, not just the Marshall community
- This is the largest fundraiser for the seniors
- The goal is to raise \$11,000 for the All Night Grads event
- Becky is looking for additional volunteers to help with running the online auction

Newsletter (Aisha Kashif and Jennifer Church)

- Planning and production of the Winter newsletter is underway
- The quarterly newsletter seeks to celebrate recent events and accomplishments at Marshall, while also promoting upcoming events
- The deadline to submit newsletter content is January 12, 2016
- Submissions of articles, pictures or information can be submitted to marshallptsanews@gmail.com
- Future newsletters will include Department highlights

The next PTSA meeting was changed from 2/1/2016 to 2/8/2016 due to a conflict with rising 9th graders' orientation.

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