

George C. Marshall PTSA Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2023

Board Members Present: Julie Lubbe (president), Elizabeth Keegan (secretary), Christine Neville (treasurer), Jeff Litz (principal)

President's Report: Minutes from the February PTSA meeting were approved. Julie reported that the ANGC silent auction made \$28K this weekend. The spring plant sale is underway until March 31st. World Heritage Night was a huge success, with over 700 people in attendance. A parent suggested we do a GCM International cookbook. The PTSA will explore this idea next year as a fundraiser. Reveille, the GCM student run magazine, asked the PTSA for \$500 for their spring publication. Membership voted in favor of approving their request.

Treasurer Report: Christine reported that the PTSA currently has \$105K in the bank. ANGC has raised \$92K year to date, with all their big expenditures yet to occur. The Committee for Supporting Seniors has raised \$3000 in donations so far.

Marshall Minds Matter: Jenna Molura, GCM counselor, and student Sarah Porjosh came to speak about the Marshall Minds Matter club. MMM promotes students' mental health and well-being and advocates for kindness in schools. It originally began as a suicide prevention campaign that has morphed into promoting positivity, balance, and self-care among students. One event the club did this year was to bring therapy dogs into the courtyard; over 100 students attended the event. They host wellness-themed meetings that have included doing yoga, making hand turkeys before Thanksgiving, partnering with Best Buddies, and having a Show Your Love Day. Meetings are held during learn and students can either show up or join through Schoology. You can find more information on their Instagram page (@MarshallMindsMatter) or in the club directory in the Activities section on the Marshall website. Mr. Litz added that Marshall has @ 80 different clubs and that 10-15 new ones are created each year.

Principal's Report: Mr. Litz announced that he has scheduled a guest speaker for the sophomore class to discuss socio-emotional wellness and goal setting. Spring break is April 3-11th. Testing season begins in April; IB exams will be held April 28-May 19th. He will announce the attendance policy shortly because it will vary for those taking IB exams. SOL testing begins on May 2nd. Senior laptops will be collected May 25-26. Seniors must pay their student debt to receive their cap and gown; they have been receiving notices about this throughout the year. May 26th is the last day of school for seniors. Graduation practices will be held June 1-2. The end of the year awards ceremony will be held on June 2nd. June 5th is the senior class trip to Kings Dominion, and June 6th is the last graduation practice. Graduation will be held at the DAR on June 7th at 2:30 pm. The County requires that underclassmen be in school until 10:30 am on the day of graduation. The All-Night Grad Celebration is June 7th from 10:30 pm – 3:30 am at Spring Hill Rec Center. Baccalaureate is June 6th at 7:00 pm at Vienna Presbyterian Church. The senior parent dinner will be held on May 4th. Mr. Litz says he has been hiring a lot of positions

for next year. It is the County's goal to have all positions filled by July 1st. Finally, he mentioned that Marshall, like all schools, has been struggling with poor student behavior. Behaviorally and academically, he has seen an uptick in problematic behavior this year. He stated that both teachers and admin are struggling with this. He is creating a Student Behavior Task Force to take a deeper look into the problem. He said he is hiring extra security assistants for next year, but he really needs double what he has now. Marshall is exploring using the E-Hall pass that many other schools are using.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm.