



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., via
Zoom

Number of Members present: 15

Call to order and introduction – The president called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Agenda:

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SGA Report – Spirit week from 3/14 to 3/18

- Monday: Monochrome
- Tuesday: Mathletes (9th & 10th grade) vs. Athletes (11th & 12th grade)
- Wednesday: Album Cover Day
- Thursday: Movie Day (12th – Bikers; 11th – Surfers; 10th – Preppy; 9th – Hippies)
- Friday: Maryland Day (12th – Black; 11th – White; 10th – Red; 9th – Yellow)
- Break games were cancelled due to problems in boys' bathrooms.

Staff Report

- Implementing NHD project.
- Collaborating with parents to improve students' research skills.
- Next year will launch research project in each grade.
- NHS did lots of activities: raising fundraiser; collecting blankets.

Principal Report

- Senior banner orders have begun.
- Mental health public speaker will be on Wednesday, 3/16.
- Ongoing problems with bathrooms; not ideal for parent volunteers to monitor bathrooms; looking for other solutions.
- Graduation date is not decided yet.

- Some students participated in walkout to protest Florida's Parental Rights in Education bill last Friday.

President Report

- PTSA needs to recruit President for next year.
- Ms. Reier asked PTSA for \$500 donation to Multicultural Festival which will be on 4/28.
- Remaining meetings (April, May) will be in person and outdoor, and June's meeting is cancelled.
- BOE announced start time for all schools will be later starting 2023-24; PTSA requesting MVMS has a later starting time to address traffic concerns raised in letter MVMS and MRHS parent organizations sent to HCPSS and BOE in December.

Treasurer Report – Bank balance as of 3/11 is \$35,795.87.

February Meeting Minutes – Approved with no corrections.

Committee Reports

- **Membership** – N/A
- **Fundraising**
 - School submitted payment to speaker Mr. Rahim Hakeem on 3/14; Mr. Hakeem is sending the live presentation link to Mr. Schemm on Monday around 6 p.m.
 - Administrative Professional Day (4/27) – current plan is to contribute \$100 towards their luncheon.
- **Grocery Rewards** – N/A
- **Website/Communications** – Joint Facebook group with Boosters is going smoothly; will send alert just to Senior families to remind them of upcoming activities: senior banner; senior scholarship; and AfterProm.
- **Facebook** – N/A
- **Student Directory** – N/A
- **AfterPROM**
 - Tickets sales started on 3/7, plan to advertise on week of 3/14.
 - Thanks to Boosters for \$6,500 donation.
 - Wednesday, 3/16, will run paintball fundraiser.
 - Will need 20-30 volunteers and collaboration with staff and rest of PTSA.
- **Senior Scholarships** – PTSA's senior scholarship deadline is 4/8, and Boosters' scholarship deadline is 03/25.
- **Senior Banners**
 - Senior banners sales started today, and deadline to order is 4/15; regular price is \$35.
 - Committee chair suggested to either reduce price to \$20 for FARM students (as in past years) or give FARM students their senior banners this year; school has total 19 FARM students.
- **Horizon Grant** – Meetings continuing with Project LETS members and sponsor.
- **HCDrugFree**
 - **FREE Parenting Classes:** HC DrugFree will present another series of parenting classes 3/30. This program will meet via Zoom for 5 classes (3/30, 4/6, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11), 10:30-12:00. The class is free, but space is limited. Registration www.hcdrugfree.org.

- **FREE Life Skills Classes for Students:** HC DrugFree is providing a highly interactive skills-based program designed to promote positive health and personal development for youth in grades 6-9. The next series of classes will be held via Zoom Tuesdays and Thursdays 5/10, 5/12, 5/17, 5/19, 5/24, 5/26, 5/31 and 6/2, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Registration is required. Please **sign-up** ASAP as space is extremely limited! www.hcdrugfree.org
- **NEWSLETTER:** Sign up for free newsletter to get updates on events as well as information to keep your family safe and informed. Go to the bottom of www.hcdrugfree.org.
- **SAVE THE DATE FOR Medication and Sharps Drive-thru Collection:** HC DrugFree's next drive-thru prescription and over-the-counter medication and sharps (needles, syringes and EpiPens) collection will be held on 4/30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot in Columbia. Medication will be guarded and transported by the Howard County Police and the DEA.
- **All High School Students Welcome:** HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council is open to all Howard County High School Students. Community service hours available. The next meeting will be on 3/21, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Register at www.hcdrugfree.org.
- **Student Volunteers and Interns:** High school and college students who are interested in assisting with HC DrugFree's Life Skills online classes for younger students should email LifeSkills@hcdrugfree.org. Teens, youth groups and adults interested in volunteering on 4/30 outdoor medication collection may register at www.hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1/. Youth will not be permitted near medication.
- **Hospitality** – No update.
- **Cultural Liaisons** – The Chinese American Parent Organization will host lunch for teachers and staff on 3/31.
- **PTACHC Report**
 - LR-0744 SB0756 – PTACHC originated bill with senator Hester. Reviewed by HCPSS BOE for support – BOE recommended support with amendments to address reporting concerns. PTACHC seeking funding clarification amendment. Testimony on 3/8 in Annapolis, awaiting votes to move to House Chamber.
 - HB0865 – Howard County due process proceeding for Children with Disabilities – Burden of Proof Ho. Co. 02-22, passed county delegation, next step – vote by house.
 - “Blueprint” Funding – brings in additional revenue. The additional revenue falls short of mandatory expense. Preliminary estimate of costs to implement Blueprint could cost in excess of \$265M by FY2030, and estimates revenue could increase by \$104M, net impact will be (\$161M).
 - Budget – Superintendent released the HCPSS budget on 1/20 asking for more than \$100M from prior year. 2nd County Executive Citizens budget hearing is 3/14. The most significant date will fall in April 2022. (<https://www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets/fy23/>).
- **Boosters Liaison** – As of 3/12, sold Mustang Madness 145 tickets.

General Discussion

- **New business** – N/A
- **Announcements** – N/A
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – PTSA still needs several volunteers for 2022-2023 year.

Meeting adjourned: 8:18 p.m.