



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Link

Call to Order and Introductions at 7:06 with 5 members present

SGA Report: N/A

Staff Report:

Vince Muscato, Project Lead the Way - MRHS has an exciting four-year program to introduce students to engineering principles and foundations. This quarter -

- 9th grade students in Engineering to Instructional Design are taking apart objects and evaluating materials
- 10th grade students are taking Principles of Engineering and just finished their marble sorting robotic designs and doing a virtual tour of an electrical power plant,
- 11th grade students have the option of taking Computer Integrated Manufacturing or Digital Electronics. Students are building 3D cities with computer-aided design and 3D printing, learning about milling machines, and developing fireplace safety system with electronic coding
- 12th grade students are invited to complete a Capstone EDD Course where they identify their own problem and invent solutions and present their projects at a county-wide event to a team of engineers.

One of MRHS' former PLTW students was recently recognized as the top achieving civil engineering student at the University of Maryland and identified Mr. Muscato as her mentor - earning him and the PLTW program at MRHS additional recognition!

Mr. Muscato also coaches the Varsity and JV Wrestling teams - currently ranked #17 in the state!

Principal's Report (Dr. DiPaula):

- MRHS just held a course registration night for rising 9th graders. All of the team leaders and/or students spoke to incoming parents about their respective programs.
- As the school approaches midterm exams after school study group sessions have restarted.
- There were a number of Music and Dance concerts in December. The first night of the dance concert included a fantastic performance from the Allied Program. The Dance Department will also be hosting the Howard County Dance Festival on Jan 27 at 3pm, which is expected to sell out.
- Dr. DiPaula is the school sponsor for the Health Occupations Club - this week they are doing medical training after school. The fire department is training them on CPR and First Aid, and

they'll be doing medical sutures among other things. There are more than 60 students participating.

- MRHS held an Alumni Day the Friday before winter break and about 50 alumni returned to the school to visit classrooms and share their post-secondary experiences with students.
- The National Honor Society Induction took place in December.
- Winter athletics have started up and are going well.

President's Report (Phuong Dam):

- In March, PTSA will hold an in-person meeting to discuss the future of the PTSA. PTSA is only doing three activities - hospitality, AfterPROM, and the SAT/ACT class coordination. We don't have enough volunteers to run the other committees, and have to vote in a new Board, and PTACH representatives for SY 2024-25. If there is not enough interest to fill these roles then PTSA will go dormant. We spoke with Boosters and if we need to go dormant then Boosters can continue running those activities. We'll use February's meeting to answer any questions people have about proposed actions.

Treasurer's Report:

- No report provided during the meeting. A link to the reports can be located here:
 - [November 2023 Treasury Report](#)
 - [December 2023 Treasury Report](#)

November Minutes Approved:

- November minutes were approved and will be posted on the PTSA website

ACTION ITEMS - N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AfterProm:

1) **Student input from survey:** 126 respondents; 52% Juniors, 48% Seniors;

- 89% did not attend AfterPROM last year
- Top venue choice from students was Main Event (29%), with renting a movie theater in second place (25%).
- Scroll to the bottom for more details on the results

2) **Parent/family input survey:** The survey was posted on Canvas and FB and responses are rolling in! (Here's the [link](#) to respond) Deadline to respond is next Monday so we'll get you the results after that. Right now it is looking like Main Event will be the venue and we are negotiating rates there.

3) **Prize committee** has been busily purchasing prizes from the list that students weighed in on. They took advantage of Black Friday and other holiday deals. The parent survey had a space for parents who want to donate prizes, money, gift cards, etc., so we'll pass along that info to the prize committee to follow up.

4) **Sponsors for the Tshirt** - Mary will get information from Boosters re: their sponsored t-shirt, pricing, etc. **If anyone has interest in helping with this, let her know.**

5) **Student input** - we have a list of students who are interested in helping with planning.

6) **Prom** will be May 3, I'm being told that details will be released later this week or early next week. Fun times! **Please mark your calendar for helping on the day of AfterPROM if you are able :)**

7) **Tuxedo fundraiser** - Annmarie/Kim are in touch with Darryl from M. Stein and setting up the logistics for when M. Stein will come and do the measurements. We'll start promoting in probably February, and will want to promote this heavily so will likely need lots of help with getting the word out!

All Junior/Seniors are invited to AfterPROM even if they don't attend afterPROM, and dates are allowed to attend as well

Committee has a good succession plan in place for leadership and Mary confirmed that if PTSA goes dormant that Boosters will retain it AfterPROM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Complete the [Parent AfterPROM survey](#) by Monday, Jan 15.
- Hospitality Staff Lunch during Conferences (date TBD - this will be provided by CAPO and not PTSA). The next PTSA hospitality event will be Feb 22.
- Boosters [Hitching Post sign up](#) - help needed for Weds & Thurs of this week.

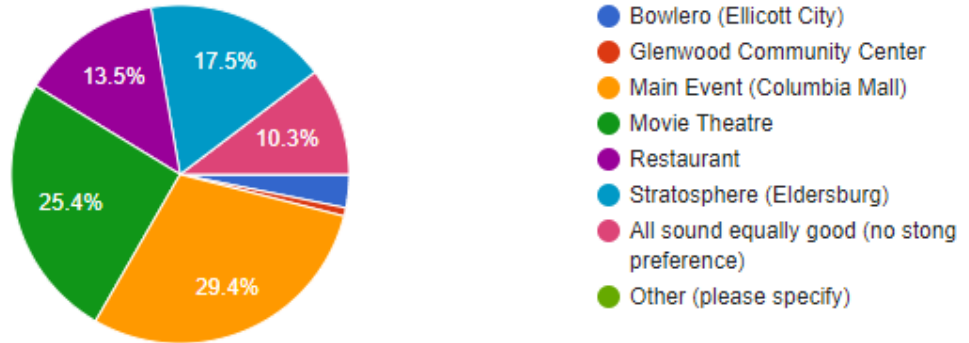
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Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024 (there will be no meeting in December)

STUDENT SURVEY RESPONSES

Which is your top choice

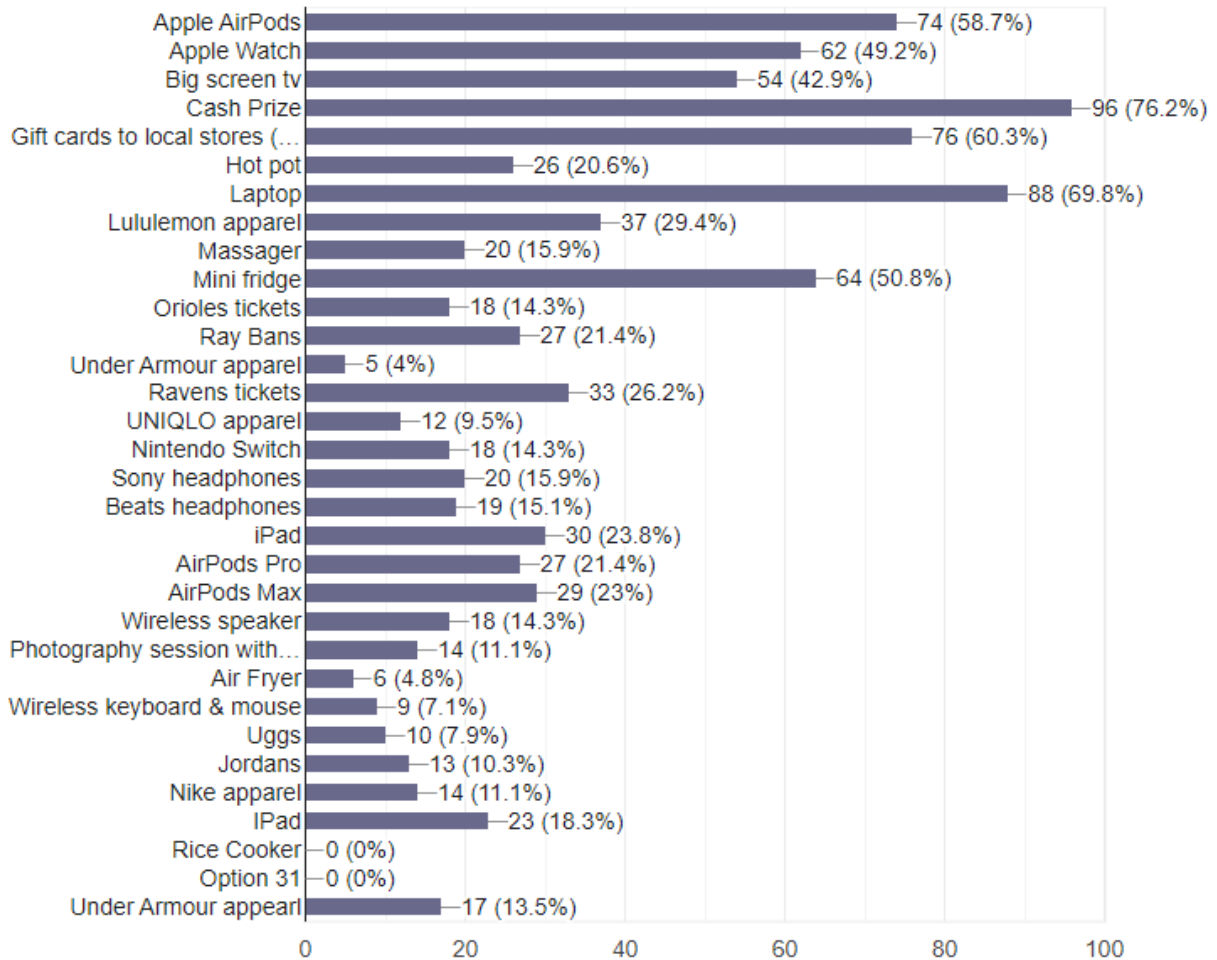
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PRIZES - what should we make sure to purchase?

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126 responses



Other notable feedback - consider getting a DJ, room with low stimulation to chill, photo booth