



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
MRHS

**Call to Order and Introduction:** 7:03 with 7 members present

**SGA Report:** N/A

**Staff Report:** N/A

**Principal's Report:** N/A

**President's Report:**

- There are not enough people willing to serve as PTSA officers for the SY2023-24 and without the required officers the PTSA cannot operate. John spoke with the PTACHC representative for suggestions. There are procedures for disbanding the PTA, but she suggested instead of disbanding we hold elections for the positions we do have and hope that someone will step up in the Fall. If no one does, Lisa Delmonte (Boosters President) has said that the PTSA committees can go under the umbrella of Boosters to continue activities as long as the committees are fully staffed and functioning
- The committees likely to continue (through Boosters) are AfterProm and Hospitality.
- The elected officers will not have any activities to carry out unless a President steps up.
- Leesa spoke with Jody Benning with MVMS' PTA and they may have some interest; she will give Courtney and Marrine her info for follow-up.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 04/30/23 the PTSA is on budget.

- Boosters committed to giving us \$6,500 for AfterProm, but it must be requested. Leesa will request it.
- Leesa will also provide a request to Marrine for the ping pong tables.
- Kathy will request all committee chairs submit expenses by the end of May to close the financial transaction record for the fiscal year.

**Approval of April Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the April PTSA minutes. A second was made. All voted in favor to approve the meeting minutes, and they will be posted on the PTSA website.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Senior Banners:** Up in the hallways currently and will be distributed to the students on 5/23.

**AfterProm:** AfterPROM was held on May 5 from 10:30-1:30 am at Stratosphere Social in Eldersburg

- 215 tickets were sold for AfterPROM, which included 146 bus tickets.
- In total, 198 students attended the event
- At the event, students bowled, played arcade games, won prizes, ate Breakfast + cupcakes, received college merch, played yard games like giant jenga and corn hole, and just hung out with their friends.
- We'd like to give a special thank you to Dr. DiPaula and Coach Willingham and his family for coming to the event and their incredible support through this entire year of planning.
- From the smiles on kids' faces, they all had a great time and were kept in a fun and safe post-prom environment.
- We're in the process of updating the feedback survey we used last year. It will go out to all 11th/12th graders.

### **AfterPROM Fundraisers**

- Senior Banners - Ernestine Wright & Jenn Dial did an amazing job on this. Around 170 banners were sold and raised \$3440
- M. Stein Tuxedos - Sharon Carpenito lead this very successful fundraiser. 37 tuxes/suits were rented, generating \$740, but M. Stein generously bumped up their donation to us to \$800. They'll send us their check next month.
- Prom Flowers by Barb at Harris Teeter/Turf Valley - Sharon Carpenito ran this successful fundraiser. 60 corsages & boutonnieres were sold. Generating \$208 toward AfterPROM.
- Chipotle spring fundraiser - Jessica Schwendeman led this successful fundraiser & Tina Franks did a great job promoting it, and in total \$568 was generated.
- The County Executive donated \$2000 to each hcps high school to support their after prom activities. We are appreciative to that office for this support.

Once the final checks come in, AfterPROM will have come very close to breaking even. A big thank you to Marrine for doing a great job with all the treasurer duties that supported AfterPROM.

### **AfterPROM Acknowledgements**

- Planning for this event started last May and has included terrific volunteers from PTSA, MRHS staff, and students.
- The MRHS coaches, advisors, teachers, and staff who helped promote our event, with a special thank you to Coach Willingham, Coach Millani, Mrs. Rashid, Dr. DiPaula, Mr. Khorri, Ms. Reier, Mr. Reagle, Ms. Lori Miller, Ms. Littman, Ms. Costable, Mr. Schemm, Ms. Shakleford, Ms. Greffen
- The class council of 2023 and 2024 for helping select the venue & promoting on Instagram; and the Art Honor society together with CC24 for the hall banner; CC24 for creating the advertising graphics & logo.
- A number of PTSA volunteers were thanked for their contributions to the prize committee, ticketing, bus arrangements, collecting student input, SRO, donations and fundraiser promotions, senior banners, Tux rentals & prom flowers, communications/ptsa newsletter/memberhub, creating the college corner, and a special shout out to the 21 volunteers who helped out as bus loaders and chaperones on the night of the event

**Facebook:** N/A

**Membership:** N/A

**Fundraising:** N/A

**Store Rewards:** N/A

**Website/Communications:** N/A

**Senior Scholarship:** The committee was given until May 19th to review scholarship awards. The deadline to submit announcements (senior scholarship winners) for the Senior Awards Assembly on 5/23 assembly has passed. Leesa will ask the Senior Picnic coordinators if the PTSA Senior Scholarships can be announced at the picnic. There were 8 applications.

**Mental Health:** N/A

**HCDrugFree:** Items are covered in the PTSA newsletter

**Hospitality:** N/A

**CAPO/Cultural Liaisons:** N/A

**PTACHC Report:** Meeting held on May 1, 2023

- PTACHC has openings for officers, please reach out if interested.
- PTACHC needs help on its Legislative committee - please consider helping. The committee follows local and state legislation, so that PTACHC can decide on a position to take.
- Slides from presentations will be made available on the PTACHC website ([www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org))

Guest Speaker: Tim Guy, Budget Office

- Budget Update: \$67.3 million difference between BOE-approved budget and what the county council will fund
- Provided an update on the "Blueprint for MD's Future" and its different pillars. Budget shortfalls may require adjustments to what is funded
  - Pillar 1: focused on early childhood education
    - expand full day pre-K, increase family supports
  - Pillar 2: hire high quality and diverse teachers and leaders
    - Offer higher salaries
    - Offer "pathways" so teachers can see growth in their positions and how to advance
  - Pillar 3: college and career readiness
  - Pillar 4: resources for students to be successful
    - services for English learners
    - services for students with disabilities
  - Pillar 5: governance and accountability

Guest Speaker: Bianca Chang, Human Rights Commission

- Human Rights Commission Award nomination deadline August 31
- Consider nominating students or student groups

- Contact [hrc@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:hrc@howardcountymd.gov)

Guest Speaker: Ming Yattis - HoCo Pride Festival

- CARY: Community Allied Rainbow Youth
- focus on supporting LGBTQ+ kids in the school system
- 5/6 - Rainbow Conference

**Boosters Liaison:** N/A

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**New Business:**

Election of Officers for SY2023-24 (Recording Secretary and Treasurer) will take place on Friday, June 9th during a end of year PTSA celebration at Kathy's home. Kathy will provide an announcement to Lori to post and publicize the upcoming event and elections. A quorum is required for the election of any officers.

**Announcements:** N/A

**Meeting Closed - 7:42 pm**

This is the last meeting of the school year.