



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
zoom

**Call to Order and Introduction:** 7:00 with 11 participants in attendance

**Staff Report:** Provided by Mr. David Hong, Science teacher, sponsor of 3 clubs (Rocketry club, Science Olympiad, Chess club)

- Rocketry club- students build rockets to a given specification in order to compete in the American Rocketry Challenge. Rockets must climb to an altitude of 850 meters, carry an egg (which must not crack), the egg should descend in 45 seconds.
- Science Olympiad- Students participate in a series of 23 events. Club went to Princeton in February to compete against other students on the east coast. Received 4th place in regionals and they are going to states.
- Chess club- These students play chess against their peers, learn chess strategies, and play in intracounty tournaments.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. John DiPaula

- Leaves early Wednesday morning for the music trip to Orlando with 316 students attending. Jazz at the Ridge was a packed event.
- Mental health speaker was attended by about 25 people.
- Senior week- The freshman beat the seniors at tug of war!
- We are hosting the county track tournament May 7th and 8th.
- Testing season is happening for the next 5 weeks.
- Over 70% of students made honor roll for quarter 3.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 03/31/23 the PTSA had an ending balance of \$35,269.58. Marrine finished the taxes.

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

**Approval on use of funding from Boosters:** A motion was made to use the funds from boosters (that was budgeted for a mental health speaker) to support mental health initiatives such as

new ping pong table, wellness corner, treat for the students, etc. A second was made. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Senior Banners:** Sold 129 senior banners. Goal is 172 to meet our budget. Will extend the deadline by one day and send email out to senior parents.

**AfterProm:** Chipotle fundraiser made no money. They claim we didn't have enough sales. Mary will look into this further. Dr. DiPaula will send email to remind parents to not host after parties, he will also look into getting our SRO to speak at an assembly on being safe on Prom night. Mary will remind students and parents that students can attend AfterProm even if they don't attend prom.

**General Discussion:** Had a brief discussion about the mental health speaker that presented.

Main points were:

- Spoke/presented for over 90 minutes
- Good strategies were shared
- More Q&A time would have been helpful
- To increase attendance, fall might be better
- Did not charge a fee

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.**

**Next meeting in person in the Student Services office, May 15, 2023 at 7:00.**