



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

**Number present: 29**

**Call to order and introduction** – PTSA President

**Staff Report, Dr. Eckert** – Spoke about GT research and mentorship program.

**Principal's Report, Dr. DiPaula**

- Now in the 8th week of school; the first quarter ends on November 2.
- Homecoming week was last week. It was a great success! There were 1,330 students at the Homecoming dance and there were no issues. Students seemed to have fun.
- There is a Professional Learning day on Friday, Oct. 21, and Monday, Oct. 24. Staff will have the opportunity to attend programs of their choosing.
- PSAT was last week.
- Girls and Boys golf won county championships; band won county championship.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held Nov. 21 and 22. Scheduling opens Nov. 8. Conferences will be online and in person.

**President's Report**

- She contacted PNC and gathered information to change the signers.
- She spoke with one of last year's PTACHC delegates, who has offered to help recruit PTACHC delegates for this year.
- Special thanks to Dr. DiPaula for helping us to find a staff representative to speak at today's PTSA meeting.
- Thanks, everyone, for all the hard work and dedication to the school and the PTSA!

**Treasurer's Report** – Ending balance as of 9/30/22 was \$34,860.99.

**Approval of September meeting minutes** – Motion was made to approve minutes, a second was made, a vote was taken. Minutes were approved.

**FaceBook Group** - 903 followers.

**AfterProm** – Will be held at Main Event or Stratosphere. Waiting to hear on prom date. Committee will decide on location. Chipotle night raised \$571 towards AfterProm! Thanks to those that attended.

**Fundraising** – Exceeded goal of raising \$4,000! Need to pick winners of the raffle.

**Grocery Rewards** – Current programs are with Harris Teeter and AmazonSmile.

**Website/Communications** – One of the committee co-chairs offered to create a handbook of cultural aspects to go on the website to help those unfamiliar with high school traditions.

**Senior Scholarships** – Currently have 2 volunteers on the committee to read essays. Need more; just can't be the parent of a senior. VP2 offered to get a community member to be a part of the committee. For a staff member, Assistant Principal Ms. Cherry said she was interested in helping again.

**Mental Health** – Committee co-chair talked about renaming the committee. She shared some ideas about things to do around the school like write nice notes on sticky notes and post them around the school (on lockers). Dr. DiPaula said this could be done. Do a "fun"raiser. Put blank stickers and have students write nice messages on them. "You Matter" movement at the school. It was discussed that it would be good to extend this to parents as well, so that they know how to better help their students. Perhaps have a place online where parents can share. Dr. DiPaula is very willing to put together an evening for parents, maybe with different break-out sessions.

**Hospitality** – Committee put together gift baskets for Custodian Appreciation Day. Will be looking for [volunteers for conference meal](#) on Nov. 22.

**HC DrugFree** – Drug Take Back day on Oct. 29, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., at Wilde Lake Village Center. First 100 to drop off old medications will get a medicine lockbox. Virtual town hall meeting on Monday, Oct. 24.

**Cultural Liaison, CAPO** – First get-together was Oct. 9th to introduce CAPO to new parents. About 20-30 families showed up. CAPO wants to host a Chinese New Year meal for staff in January, like they did last school year. Might have a fundraising event.

**Boosters Liaison** – Last meeting was Oct. 12. In good shape for the pancake breakfast for Oct. 15. They have 4 new corporate sponsors. Still having trouble getting volunteers for concessions. We will post their sign-up in our newsletter. Boosters want to help boost internet around the Hitching Post and outdoor concession stand. Mr. Vandenberg to look into this.

**Senior Banners** – Will start collecting info in February.

#### **New Business**

- The Answer Class has given PTSA \$518 for classes that students took between June and August.
- Bruce Neimyer with Global College Search Associates has offered to put on a free college info seminar for our community. Set a tentative date of Nov. 7. Dr. DiPaula to check on this and let us know.
- We have identified a new Recording Secretary. Will get her voted in.

**Next Meeting is November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at MRHS.**

