



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order and Introduction at 7:05 with 9 participants

SGA Report: N/A

Staff Report: Provided by Ms. Molly Milani with the MRHS Special Education Team

In addition to being a special education teacher, Ms. Milani coaches Field Hockey and Girls Lacrosse at MRHS and serves as a Teacher Development Liaison.

- There are several new staff members on the special education team this year and a new Instructional Team Lead.
- The team is focusing on post-secondary indicators and student transitions from HS. MRHS has hired a full-time transition teacher for the department who works with the College and Career Readiness staff member. One of the items they are looking at is apprenticeships (while in school) and there is a new statewide 9-month employment program that students with diplomas or certificates of completions are eligible with hourly payment and the opportunity to earn a completion stipend. There are approximately 12 students and 7 staff members in the department. They recently presented on the use of differentiated instruction in the classroom. Throughout the year they also work closely with the School Improvement Team to ensure everyone has a role and feels welcome at MRHS.
- Ms. Milani also provided updates on several of the extracurricular activities she manages-
 - Field hockey starts county playoffs next week and raised \$1600 for the National Foundation for Cancer Research
 - Allied Sports, which include Soccer (fall), Bowling (winter) and Softball (spring) are always looking for additional volunteers.
 - Morgan's Message - a club working to eliminate the stigma around mental health and normalize mental health conversations paired with River Hill on 9/28 to promote the club and mental health during a sports event.
 - The Student Athlete Leadership Organization focuses on community service and promoting leadership among athletes. They are planning a pickleball fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness and hope to hold it on 10/31.
- Ms. Milani is a teacher development liaison, which includes supporting new (and new to the school) teachers/counselors and supporting professional development. This year there are 11 new staff members and Teacher Development is helping them to understand the new teacher evaluation standards, strategies to hold students to high standards, and supporting the teachers applying for a National Board Certification.

Career and Technical Education Update (provided by Jill Bucolo) - Ms. Bucolo is supporting MRHS students in the Teacher Academy of Maryland. This 2-year program for students who are interested in becoming teachers provides students with training, practicums at Manor Woods and West Friendship, and the opportunity to earn several awards/scholarships for college. Students teach, write lessons and work with mentor teachers during the academy.

- Additionally, 11 MRHS students are doing trade internships now.

Principal's Report:

- Spirit week was well received and culminated in Homecoming - 1250 students attended.
- PSATS for 11 grade is Wednesday and 10th grade is being rescheduled (due to statewide connectivity issues) next week. PSAT for 11th grade is a qualifier for potential scholarships and the National Merit Finalist. Last year 50 students qualified; This year 55 qualified. The school will do something to acknowledge/appreciate this.
- Beginning beyond hours after school supports on Tues/Thurs (10/17-12/14) and this year there is limited bus transportation after hours. They hope to restart in the second semester.
- The PSTA bulletin board in the front office needs to be updated. Someone needs to reach out to Lori Miller to give her suggestions and she'll update it.
- Lori is planning a second quarter breakfast cart (Nov 7-9) and she'll be in touch with TPSA for planning.
- There is new artwork at the front entrance of the school that was created in the school print shop.
- Last Monday (PWD) teachers had an in-service on using artificial intelligence in the classroom and differentiation strategies.
- Marching Band performed in the Marine Corp Invitational and won best music, best percussion, best color guard and 2nd overall. They have more competitions coming up.
- Athletics: The Baltimore Sun - identified several MRHS teams in the Top 15 for the state - including Boys and Girls Soccer, and Girls Cross Country. Field Hockey is almost there!
 - Fall Cheer Championships are wednesday
 - Winter sports are starting next week
- School photos are being scheduled
- AP Exam notices are going out now.

President's Report:

- 10/17 is the last day to sign up for the MRHS vaccine clinic being held on Wednesday 10/23. There are 200 signed up already and looking for more.
- The Answer Class is running SAT prep classes Oct/Nov and the PTSA gets a 20% return from any student who attends.

Treasurer's Report:

- An additional \$2715 of Membership revenue has been collected. There are currently no outstanding checks.

September Minutes Approved - Approved

ACTION ITEMS - N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS - N/A

AfterProm - There is an AfterProm Fundraiser at Chipotle on 10/17 - 33% of all sales will go to MRHS AfterProm activities. The flier was provided in the chat box. This is a substantial fundraiser for Afterprom and everyone is encouraged to share on their networks.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

New Business: N/A

Committees and Leadership Assignments: N/A

Announcements: N/A

Meeting Adjourned - 7:41

Next Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023