



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
MRHS

Call to Order and Introduction: 7:01 with 14 participants in attendance

SGA Report: SGA recently held a Valentines fundraiser and are now planning for the Spring Pep Rally and Spirit Week. They will hold a General Assembly meeting with other class councils on March 9th to finalize Spirit Week plans. SGA is working on a Board of Ed presentation that will highlight Spirit Week activities and the Multicultural Festival at MRHS.

Staff Report: Provided by Mr. Kevin Flynn, Math Teacher and MRHS Math Team Sponsor

- The Math Team has 52 members and meets Wednesdays after school. They participate in approx. 10 competitions/year in Howard County, which can lead to other state-level math competitions. MRHS is the defending HC match champions and after winning the last 5 competitions, are in the lead for first this year.
- Mr. Flynn also runs the UMD HS math competition - 19 MRHS students participated this year and 13 qualified for the second round (out of 228 statewide qualifications).
- If any students are interested in the Math Team, they just need to attend Wednesday practices or contact Mr. Flynn (Rm 220). Students can practice without competing.

Principal's Report: MRHS is in sports play-offs with spring sports starting next week. There are several school events coming up and student achievements to celebrate:

- Empty Bowls fundraiser this Thursday evening at 5pm. Come and paint pottery and eat soup. Funds raised go to Grassroots.
- Fourteen students attended a Harvard Speech & Debate event. Two students made it to the elimination round.
- MRHS has five Presidential scholar nominees
- The school is having a door decorating competition and hosting two guest speakers for Black History Month.
- The latest issue of the Stallion came out this afternoon online (will be available soon in paper).
- The multicultural festival will be March 17th and include a daytime assembly.
- The Theater Department just presented Grease and CLUE is coming up in March.

President's Report: N/A

Treasurer's Report: As of 01/01/31/22 the PTSA had an ending balance of \$35,384.54 and everything is currently on budget.

- December revenue was \$354.48 from Membership & Hassle Free donations (\$140) and the Yogi Castle Fundraiser (\$214.48).
- December disbursements equaled 42.34 for the PTSA domain yearly fee.

Approval of January Minutes: A motion was made to approve the January 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: Senior Banners will be sold between March 17-April 17th at a cost of \$42 each. FARM students will be able to purchase banners at the cost price of \$22.00 each. Carolina is working on the electronic ordering forms for the PTSA web site and Phuong is working on the memberhub link for payment.

- An informational flier will be sent to parents the first week of March, and appear in the March newsletter.
- Last year, 99 percent of senior banner sales occurred in the last week of sales.

AfterProm Contract: Prom date is set for May 5th and Mary is ready to sign the AfterProm contract with Stratosphere so the event can be advertised to the community. The ticket price will be \$23. Per **PTACHC**, we are required to have the PTSA President sign the contract. Once the contract is set, the committee will work on tuxedo rentals and recruiting volunteers for AfterProm.

Facebook: Everything going well and nothing to report.

Membership: PTSA is currently at 434 members

Fundraising: N/A

Store Rewards: N/A

Website/Communications: Going well; teachers and parents have been reaching out with content. The banner on the website is a great place to advertise priority items and has additional room. Let Joanna know if you have ideas for events or committee needs for the website.

Senior Scholarship: N/A

Mental Health: Held a meeting with Dr. DiPaula to plan a Spring event around mental health. Dr. DiPaula is putting together an evening program for parents (tentatively scheduled for April 14).

The plan is to invite admissions officers that parents are interested in meeting and to offer a few sessions that address overall student wellness and balance. He has contacted two admissions officers and is waiting to hear back.

HCDrugFree: Items are covered In the PTSA newsletter

Hospitality:

- The Committee is hosting a hot lunch for all staff on 2/22.
- The community's response to provide help/food has been very low despite multiple attempts to advertise on FB page and in the newsletter. The committee is concerned about the amount of PTSA funds that will be required to provide food and that it will cause a strain on events for the remainder of the year (including Admin appreciation, Principal appreciation, and a Cinco De Mayo lunch for all staff).
- What does PTSA recommend ? Is there another place to pull money from to help cover the rest of the year's Events?

CAPO/Cultural Liaisons: N/A

PTACHC Report: An overview of HCPSS Budget Highlights provided by Jahantab Siddiqui, HCPSS Chief Administrator, Office of the Budget

- Dr. Martirano presented his budget to the BOE, look for the BOE's schedule of work sessions and public hearings
- Budget is 1.4 billion dollars
- BOE presents the budget to the county exec by 1st week of March
- 4/20 County exec presents budget to county council
- BOE will have to balance budget request with expenditures and revenue from the state and county
- County exec can only ask for as much as the BOE requests, although county council can increase the funding for education
- Budget: 44% goes to salary, 35% dual enrollment, workforce training, 10% support
 - County no longer has a health care deficit
 - 2nd highest salary in the state

Member Hub Overview provided by Traci Tatum, Free State PTA Membership Chair. Member Hub is free to PTAs, and can help with membership and fundraising

Boosters Liaison: GREASE was held last weekend, CLUE is coming up, and spring sports registration is open. Boosters has several open positions that need to be filled. Mustang Madness plans are going well. It will take place March 11. Leesa has a meeting with PBIS and attendance committees and they are both interested in combining efforts with Boosters for a joint event.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Recruitment Efforts: PTA Committees have exhausted personal asks and need assistance and ideas recruiting officers for 2023-24. The PTA must have a President and Treasurer to operate.

- Joanna brought up that the executive committee has been sharing leadership activities so there is not as much of a burden on any singular officer.
- Ask teachers to recommend parents who may be interested.
- Encourage students to ask their parents to participate (notify them via a CANVAS Community Message to Students or Morning Announcements). Kayla can also bring up the need during the SGA Meeting and ask the SGA secretary to post it.
- Job Descriptions and the budget are available at <https://www.marriottsridgepts.org/> and we can add officer roles to the website. The descriptions should also be reviewed and simplified as appropriate.
- Dr. DiPaula said we can include a note on the AFTerProm FLYer with information about volunteering. He's got a letter going in there as well.
- Hold a Meet and Greet with Boosters and PTSA.
- Joanna suggested updating the online volunteer page.

New Business: John Kylap was nominated to serve as an interim President until 2023-24 elections. Following the 10-day waiting period, an election will be held next Friday (March 3) at MRHS to elect him. A quorum (ten) members are required to vote him in.

Kathy will ask Lori Miller to send an election notice to the full school community and Joanna will put it in the PTA Newsletter.

Announcements – PTA newsletters automatically come to those who are members, but if you are not a member you need to request to be on the list.

Meeting Closed – 8:17 PM

The next PTSA meeting will be held Monday, March 20th at 7pm (in-person).