



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
MRHS Student Services Office

Number present: 7

Call to order and introduction- PTSA President

SGA report- No report

Staff Report, Ms. McQueen, SS teacher and 9th grade ITL

- Starting to think about midterms. 9th, 10th, and 11th graders have never taken them. School typically holds a parent night for 9th graders but is looking to expand that to 10th and 11th grade parents as well.
- Beyond School Hours- After school program for students to get extra help. Hope to be able to provide transportation home, however, the program will take place regardless. More information once everything comes together. Hope to offer lots of different subjects.
- PTSA mental health committee should connect with Active Minds to collaborate on mental health ideas and make sure we aren't duplicating things. LY to connect with Ms. Miller and Dr. DiPaula.

Principal's Report, Dr. DiPaula

- PTSA provided the breakfast cart for the staff. Well received.
- Conference lunch tomorrow provided by PTSA.
- School musical, Mama Mia, was great and well attended.
- NHS inductions were on Saturday. Inducted 73 students.
- Every sports team at MRHS had at least one championship game.
- December 2 is a dance show, December 7 is the first basketball game, December 14 & 15 music concerts
- Lots of threats against schools being made across the county. Dr. DiPaula is holding safety talks and checks with staff.

President's Report- Nicki is officially our PTAC rep. Working on getting a second rep. We will elect our new recording secretary at the December 19 meeting.

Treasurer's Report- current balance as of 10/31 is \$36,552.92. Have a few outstanding checks.

Approval of October minutes- A motion was made to approve the October PTSA minutes. A second was made. A vote was taken and the meeting minutes were approved.

Senior Banners- no report

AfterProm Committee- Still waiting on a prom date. Tentatively set for May 5. As soon as the Prom date is set the AfterProm venue will be booked. Looks like it's going to be Stratosphere. They are drawing up a contract for review. There will be a Yogi Castle fundraiser on 12/14 to benefit AfterProm. There are a group of students who expressed interest in helping with AfterProm planning and Robyn is working with them. Five buses have been reserved for the night of prom. Tentative plan is for the buses to pick up at MRHS at 6:30 and transport to prom, pick up from prom at 10:00 p.m. and return to Stratosphere. There is a committee soliciting donations for AfterProm. We purchase some and get some donated. Working in collaboration with Boosters to solicit community donations. Working with students to find out what kind of gifts they want. Want to invite staff to AfterProm this year. Try to get freshman and sophomore parents to help volunteer.

Facebook- no report

Membership- Have 401 members with 47 of those being staff. Usually we have more staff join. LY will do a drawing at the staff lunch on December 14 to encourage more to join.

Fundraising- no report

Grocery Rewards- no report

Website/communications- Website stays well updated.

Senior Scholarship- There are 5 volunteers to read and score essays. There will be no changes to the scoring. Will come up with a prompt end of December, beginning of January. Will work on promoting. Need to promote through student channels, perhaps English classes.

Mental Health- Working on a mission statement and laying a good foundation for years to come.

HCDrugFree- no report

Hospitality- Staff lunch tomorrow (November 22)

Cultural Liaisons- no report

PTACHC Report

- Ms. Langford-Brown, HCPSS - Asynchronous Learning/Inclement Weather Days- Students voted against asynchronous days - they were worried about the extent of the work, due dates being communicated clearly, and the amount of work required. The intent of asynchronous days is to keep momentum, rather than adding days at the end of the year, when no real instruction happens. Special Education services missed will be

tracked and rescheduled. Secondary teachers provide their own lessons, guidance is that an asynchronous day should be about a 4 hour day

- Angela Shiplet - Redistricting- Always looking at Policy 6010. 11/17 the BOE has a planned vote. Rising Juniors will be exempted. HS #13 may open with only freshmen
- Lisa Krause - PTSA Collaboration Education group (also President, River Hill HS PTSA)- Invited all HS PTSA to build Collaborative Education Group. Provide parental education workshops monthly, with 1 HS coordinating that month's offering. Hoping to have 1/month during the academic year, registration open to all county residents. Each HS that volunteers is responsible for: Booking a speaker, set up webinar; Marketing, advertising to parents; Ensuring topic is targeted to parents; Speaker must be free and credentialed; Reach out to president@riverhillptsa.org
- BOE - Dr. Lu- Redistricting vote is 11/17. New board members sworn in 12/5, get right to work

Boosters Liaison

- Mr. Vandenberg spoke about American Education week, all parents are welcome. Parent/Teacher conferences are the week of Thanksgiving. Some are in-person and some are virtual. He has put in a request for WiFi boosters to go in at the Hitching Post and indoor and outdoor concessions. Has not heard any more.
- Athletic update- Cross Country made states. Winter sports starts Nov. 15
- President's report- She thanked everyone's hard work so far this year. Boosters have been very busy!
- Continue to need Hitching Post and Concessions volunteers.
- Still considering and researching big screen gift to the school. Who would monitor content? It can't be the secretaries. Possibly students could help.
- Mustang Madness- need a venue, perhaps White Oak Tavern or Kelsey's.
- December meeting will be held at the Terra Maria community center on December 7th.

New Business

- PBIS needs more members! Would like to schedule a large-scale event to encourage PBIS. We have low behavior problems. Hoping to have an event that encourages good attendance and such but open to all students. Will give Dr. DiPaula a plan.
- Global College Search presentation on Dec. 7 at 6:30. Targeted audience is 10th and 11th graders.