



MRHS PTSA meeting minutes  
Dec. 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via  
Zoom

**Number of Members Present: 12**

**Call to Order and Introduction** – The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Agenda:**

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**SGA Report** – Spirit Week 12/20-12/22. Monday – Pajama Day; Tuesday – Ugly Sweater Day; Wednesday – Winter Wonderland.

**Staff Report**

- 4 honor societies are back in competitions.
- Thanks for the staff lunch on November 23, 2021.
- Currently MRHS has 77 clubs.
- NHS organized the biggest and best donations to Toys for Tots on November 16, 2021.

**Principal Report**

- Parent conferences went well.
- Course scheduling process for 2022-2023 is happening; students must choose their courses no later than January 18, 2022.
- Midterms, originally scheduled 1/19/2022-1/21/2022, are now cancelled.
- There was an approximately 25-minute question and answer session about the school shooting threat on social media threat. Police identified/questioned the student and believe that there is no longer a threat to the school. Administration is considering consequences. For reasons of confidentiality, no other information could be shared.

**President Report**

- Joint working group of parents from MVMS and MRHS drafted a letter to HCPSS Department of Transportation to request for greater time difference between the two schools' start times – at least 35 minutes difference. Motion to sign and send the letter passed.

**Treasurer Report** – Expenses included \$220 payment to PTACHC for dues and scholarship fund, \$250.84 Canva admin fee, \$1,223.55 for breakfast cart for staff; income included \$1,218.20 donation from The Answer Class, \$1,668 from Little Caesars fundraiser, and \$715.20 from Chipotle fundraiser; bank balance as of 12/10/2021 is \$39,676.09.

**November Meeting Minutes** – Approved with no corrections.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Membership**
  - There are currently 584 PTSA members for a total of \$10,265 in membership fees.
  - Winners of staff/teacher membership drawing are Christina Pettit, Sheila Stiles, and Chris Reagle.
- **Fundraising**
  - Blowfish Poke & Grill Fundraiser on Dec 15, 11:30 AM–8:00 p.m., and Blowfish Poke will donate 15% of each order to MRHS PTSA.
- **Grocery Rewards** – Currently Weis Market is not participating in the rewards program, but possibly will participate next year. Got \$389 from Harris Teeter. We should encourage families to join Harris Teeter’s program via newsletter.
- **Website/Communications** – Website working well. Info for newsletter gathered by corresponding secretary and sent out every other Monday.
- **Facebook** – Did not dig any deeper into the process of converting the FB page to a group at this point but will continue to do so over the next month.
- **Student Directory** – Available on PTSA website; information to access it sent via newsletter.
- **AfterPROM**
  - Close to signing the contract with Main Event as the AfterPROM venue. Finalizing details on safety/security, insurance, and pricing.
  - Visited Main Event on Dec 9 with reps from PTSA, SGA sponsor (Mrs. Rashid), & 2 student SGA reps. Having student input to plan the event is very important to the AfterPROM committee.
  - Very thankful to Boosters for their collaboration and support; Boosters have committed to contributing \$6,500. Working with the Mustang Madness chair to ensure that the requests to the community for donations and volunteers are coordinated with what we’ll be asking for regarding AfterPROM.
- **Senior Scholarships** – The purpose of the Senior Scholarship is to support students in reaching their dreams. 2022 essay question: How have you persevered and/or supported your family, community and/or your high school during these challenging times. How will you use these experiences in pursuit of your dreams in the future?
- **Senior Banners** – N/A
- **Horizon Grant** –
  - One meeting was held with our student group Project LETS, and second meeting will be 12/15. This will give the students the tools to begin crafting their action plan that we will develop in January after the break. There are 10 participating.
  - Recommend signing the petition that Horizon Foundation has created to support increased mental health services throughout Howard County Schools. They are advocating for every child in Howard County to have all the tools they need to thrive inside and outside of the classroom.

- Horizon Foundation was not successful in getting anyone to volunteer to speak at the BOE on behalf of the foundation, unfortunately. If anyone is interested in submitting written testimony, there still have a few days to do so. The meeting is on 12/16.
- **HCDrugFree** – N/A
- **Hospitality** – November 23 lunch was successful; teachers and staffs had a great time.
- **Cultural Liaisons** – Next staff appreciation lunch will be during the Chinese New Year. CAPO will lead the event; proposed date is 2/4/2022.
- **PTACHC Report**
  - There was a motion that passed to support the following: Howard County – Commercial Building Excise Tax – Board of Education Deferred Maintenance, Ho.Co. 8-22 by: Delegate Atterbeary for the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Howard County to impose an excise tax on commercial building construction, requiring the excise tax revenue to be used only for deferred maintenance needs identified by the Howard County Board of Education.
  - PTACHC warns the treasurers to look out for fraudulent charges of \$98 with \$3 processing fee. MRHS PTSA Treasurer confirmed that she is aware and has not seen fraudulent charges on PTSA account.
  - PTACHC will be voting next month on the following: PTACHC will write a letter to Free State and National PTA asking them to release a statement publicly condemning the recent spate of videos on platforms such as TikTok encouraging acts of violence and vandalism in school. PTACHC will ask Free State and National PTA to ask TikTok and other social media platforms to change their algorithms to eliminate videos that prompt vandalism and acts of violence in schools. They want to urge the National PTA, Free State PTA, BOE and the Superintendent to ask TikTok and other social media sites to address this matter and change their algorithms accordingly. Please send a note to our PTSA's PTACHC delegates if you have objections or would like to amend.
- **Boosters Liaison** – Corresponding secretary will attend Booster meeting, which was rescheduled for Dec. 14. There was no meeting to report on.

## General Discussion

- **New business** – N/A
- **Announcements** – N/A
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – Many! Still need someone for Reflections; so far can't run the program.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:25 p.m.**