



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
MRHS

**Call to Order and Introduction:** 7:01 with 6 members present

**SGA Report:** N/A

**Staff Report:** N/A

**Principal's Report: N/A**

- There is a tentative date for graduation, once the date is confirmed (before Spring Break), a letter will be sent to families with all the graduation details.
- The Alpha Achievers of MRHS Induction ceremony was held on 3/20
- More than 500 people attended the MRHS Multicultural Night (3/17) and the program was presented to students during the school day.
- Three of the MRHS choruses performed at River Hill on 3/20 with excellent reviews
- The Empty Bowls fundraiser for Grassroots was held 2/23
- Spring sports start 3/21
- A Parent Wellness event will be held on Thursday, April 13 in the auditorium. A therapist from Congruent Counseling will present on the stressors that teenagers face, identifying the warning signs, when to ask for help, and the resiliency factors that parents can help teenagers develop. Dr. DiPaula will put together the event information so that PTSA can create a flyer and begin advertising it before Spring Break.
- The teachers expressed gratitude for the PTSA sponsored Soup, Salad, and Dessert luncheon in February. A Cinco de Mayo event is planned for Staff Appreciation Week.

**President's Report:** The President's goals for the remainder of the school year are to:

- Secure officers for next year's executive committee (the vote for the executive board is typically held in May and in conjunction with a school-wide event to ensure greater participation and a quorum)
- The plan is to keep officer roles as simple as possible. PTSA could consider setting up mentoring relationships between incoming/outgoing officers and/or multi-year roles for officers.
- Leesa will draft up initial officer responsibilities. She collected contact information for eight potential volunteers at the Multicultural Night including a few individuals interested in the officer positions.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 02/28/23 the PTSA had an ending balance of 35,111.88 and everything is currently on budget.

- February revenue was 315.89 (Membership and Amazon Smile)
- February disbursements equaled 496.94 (Senior Banners, PTSA articles and county dues, and Staff Appreciation lunch)
- Funds raised at Masons Crazy Milkshakes are not included nor is a check for \$403.75 to the National PTA).

The AfterProm budget is approximately 30,000 but because there is a charge for tickets that offsets the PTSA expenses, Mary will figure out the approximate expenses for PTSA.

**Approval of February Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the February 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:** Eighteen banners have been sold to date. We need to market the banners more - can SGA send out a notice to their senior social media feeds and Class of 2023 page?

- Thanks to PTSA for creating the flier, proofreading, helping to get the word out, and creating an excel spreadsheet to pick tabs on the orders.
- The vendor has not changed, same as last year!

**AfterProm Contract:** The Deposit for the venue has been paid and the contract signed!

- Tux measurements will take place during lunch on 3/20 and 3/21 at MRHS (73 students were measured on 3/20). This is a large fundraiser for AfterProm and the goal is to exceed 135 students.
- SGA is creating the instagram graphics for AfterProm, and helping advertise the event.
- Mary will ask Dr. DiPaula for a list of upcoming MRHS events so we can advertise PTSA and AfterProm at them. *List has been uploaded to Google Drive and is available [here](#).*
- The County Council sent a \$2000 check to the school (sent to all schools) to support AfterProm.
- Members of the committee are attending an online training on NARCAN and crowd management.
- Prize committee is buying awesome prizes to incentivize the students to attend - thank you!

**Facebook:** N/A

**Membership:** PTSA is currently at 434 members

**Fundraising:** N/A

**Store Rewards:** N/A

**Website/Communications:** N/A

**Senior Scholarship:**

- Only 2 students are working on essays right now
- Planning to extend the deadline to May 5th to allow for more submissions

- Will need to update website and facebook posts, and will print out fliers and ask teachers to post these in their classrooms or let students know about the opportunity.

**Mental Health:** *See Parent Wellness event in the Principal's Report*

**HCDrugFree:** Items are covered In the PTSA newsletter

**Hospitality:** Leesa is going to follow-up with Julie about the Cinco de Mayo event.

**CAPO/Cultural Liaisons:** N/A

**PTACHC Report:**

HoCo General Plan is something that everyone should be more aware of as it is leading to more students and exemptions.

- More development overall
- More exemptions to school overcrowding
- Additional affordable housing allowances (affordable housing is already exempt)
- Change projections with regard to school overcrowding - also impacts how much money county collects from housing development
- Encourage other parents to advocate

Hiruy Hagdu

- "Reverse Engineered" county's fiscal impact calculations
  - County says new residential development pays for itself
  - County uses money from new residential development to pay for debt incurred for previous residential development - same claim has been made by the county since 2004
- Focus more on commercial development, use commercial revenues more to fund county services
- Mitigation fees (school surcharge fees) should account for actual costs for schools, roads, etc.
- HoCo council districts 2, 3, 5, and the County Exec know this isn't working

School Safety Committee (Beth Anna Varson)

- Providing tools schools can use if they undergo school safety threat
- School safety policy recommendations coming in May

BOE - Linfeng Chen

- On 5/1 The Board will be holding a public budget hearing
- HS 13 = Guilford Park HS
- Approved school start time changes and Walk zone changes
  - HS: 2 miles
  - MS: 2 miles
  - ES: 1 mile
- Infrastructure is still taken into account

### **Boosters Liaison:**

- Mustang Madness was a success and raised \$15,700 after expenses (exceeding goal) and there were approximately 150 attendees.
- Two expenses were highlighted - uniforms and tournament fees were both over budget. We budgeted \$14,000 for uniforms for 3 teams and actual expense was \$17,000. We also budgeted \$5,000 for tournament fees and actual expenses were \$6,000.
- Boosters Scholarship: 2 winners were selected on March 8 and will be announced at the Senior Award Night. We had 10 or 11 applicants.
- Outdoor banners with Corporate sponsors will be put up for Spring sports
- Concessions will need lots of volunteers for Spring games.
- Succession planning for next year underway: We will need a new Treasurer and Membership Chair.
- Boosters had a few items/questions for PTSA
  1. Boosters budgeted \$2000 to help PTSA pay for a Wellness speaker, and needs to know if these funds are still needed. *Although the speaker at the Parent Wellness Event will be free, the PTSA still needs these funds to support student wellness/stress-relieving activities. Student Services has requested funds for more ping pong tables or a mediation center.*
  2. What is PTSA doing for staff appreciation? *Most likely a Cinco de Mayo themed lunch. Will confirm with the hospitality committee.*
  3. Update on PBIS/Kona lunch truck - *This will get pushed to next year since timing doesn't work this school year.*

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

### **Recruitment Efforts:**

- Leesa will update the Officer Job Descriptions. Kathy checked with most of the committee chairs and many of them are willing to continue their roles.
- Outreach activities:
  - An announcement for Officers was added to the school marquee
  - Mary posted an announcement to the MVMS school page
  - Incoming 9th grade visitation day is typically held after graduation, but that is student only. HS Orientation will be the Thursday before school starts and may attract more parents. Most students come from MVMS (approx. 80%) and the rest from Burleigh Manor.
  - We might appear to parents if we can create a fun welcome back event. We are allowed to have alcohol if the event is not held at the school).

### **New Business:**

- The Executive Committee will pick a new meeting date that is the week prior to the PTSA meeting.

**Announcements:** N/A

## **FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Parking Lot:**

- Vote on moving additional funds to the hospitality committee for food.
- Executive Board - Funding from Boosters for wellness activities (students)

**Meeting Closed - 7:56pm**

The next PTSA meeting will be held Monday, April 17th at 7pm (online).