

## Mt. Hebron High School PTSA Minutes

March 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Laura Munns at 7:10 pm.

### **In attendance:**

Dana Hemelt, Marisa Berry, Jackie Manasterli, Anna Perfilyera, Luis Pivet, Patti Lizzo, Sara Schroeder, Adrienne Brown, Ron Godsby, Deb Baisel, Veronica Hall, Cindy Anderson, Christine Daugherty, Erik Vaughan, Mary Pearce, Beth Risinger, Caroline Bodziak, Darcy Bellido de Luna, Dan Phatak, Amal Allali Kmir, Morgan Cargiulo, Amy Cargiulo, Ginger Segala, Drew Cockley, Erin Lanthier, Lisa Solomon, Abe Hollander, Loren Henderson, Laura Munns, Erica Byrne

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Introductions of everyone in attendance at the meeting.

### **President's Report:** Laura Munns

- Directory Update: the process should have been easy, but it has been a challenge. The HCPSS office gave each PTA a flash drive with information for each school, based on emergency cards. It was supposed to be ready in November, however it wasn't sent out until December. At the last PTSA meeting, we voted to put the information on the PTSA website, password protected. Since that time, we received an email from the Superintendent's office, stating that we need to hold off on sharing the information, because we did not do our own data collection. We need to figure out a new plan for next year.
- Welcome to our newest BOD member – Jackie Manasterli- who is the parent rep to the School Improvement Team.
- Thank you to everyone for their hard work leading up to this and every meeting. There is lots of great work being done behind the scenes.
- Glory Days fundraiser – we have collected 62 receipts which will be sent in. Not sure how much money we will make, but this is a good fundraiser to continue.

### **Principal's Report:** Mr. Cockley

- This is a great turn out – thank you for coming to the meeting.
- Thanks to Jackie for being on the School Improvement Team.
- AP Exams – the window is open to order exams. They can be ordered with cash, checks or online. There is a late fee after 3/15 so order soon. Question: would parents like the option of paying in installments, beginning in the fall? The response was ambivalent. One alternate suggestion was to share the high cost at the beginning of the year, so parents can budget accordingly.

- On 3/17, Juniors have their interviewing day. They prepare resumes, come dressed in interview attire, and the entire grade participates.
- Guys and Dolls – 7 pm on March 11, 12, 17, 18, 19. Tickets are \$10.
- Staffing for next year – 100% of schedule requests have been received. Enrollment will be about 60 students higher next year so staff will also increase. Total enrollment is projected to be between 1570-1580. The building capacity is 1400, but we also have portables. Not many teachers float now; we would rather have teachers share space than not have enough teachers.
- Questions? When will we learn about graduation dates? As soon as all of the Senior graduation dates are known, details will be shared. The last day of school for seniors will probably be sometime in the week of May 16-20.
- The Superintendent came for a second student visit. We have a Student Voice Committee and a Teacher Voice Committee. The Student Voice Committee was started to build unity at the school. It includes a cross-section of students, and allows voices to be heard. They are in the process of forming sub-committees. Mr. Cockley met yesterday with the Teacher Voice Committee. They are looking at student forums, and how to integrate with staff members. They are also looking at the Curriculum, and doing work with the teaching staff to slant assignments to increase cultural awareness. We are looking for ideas for how to make this happen. There is also a video group, which includes video testimonials (see the main page of the HCPSS website). MTH wants to create something similar, especially related to diversity. There will be Cultural Awareness events throughout the year. The Photo Project will include photos of things that go on at the school, and to demonstrate in what our students are involved. These photos will be on display at the school. People from HCC are helping to facilitate these conversations, and it is working well so far. We are still in the planning stages, but there will be activities and events in the future.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Veronica Hall**

- Both sets of financials were handed out. There are 3 scholarship funds, and the accounts are still at M & T (not at Howard). Veronica is speaking with the families who started these, to see how they want to proceed, as the accounts are dwindling. All other accounts were moved to Howard Bank at a time when they were balanced.
- There was no new activity in the After Prom account.
- In the General Operating account, there was not a lot going on with expenses. Membership is winding down (we have 714 members to date).

MOTION made to approve the General Operating and After Prom Financials, as written.

Motion made by Dana Hemelt, seconded by Christine Daugherty.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **SGA Liaison:** Erik Vaughan

- The Hebron for Hope Pep Rally was last week, and it went well.
- She Shamrock Shake Dance is on Friday, and is \$5 per person.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is next week.
- The SGA is meeting with the Alpha Achievers tomorrow.
- The Blood Drive is on 3/17, for anyone age 17+.

#### **Mulch Sale:** Darcy Bellido de Luna

- The mulch supplier we have been using closed, but we found a new supplier. The numbers are different, so we may make less money but we are working on it. We increased the cost for the first time, to cover the cost of the mulch. The cost is \$4.90 per bag.

#### **After Prom:** Christine Daugherty and Caroline Bodziak

- We are looking for more sponsorships. We have a letter on the website which can be given to companies to request support.
- We are looking at the overall budget.
- Ticket information will be available soon.
- The contract is signed with the YMCA.
- We are asking students to create and submit logo ideas.

#### **Staff Appreciation:** Deb Baisel

- The January efforts were moved to February due to the weather. We recognized bus drivers and nurses, who were very appreciative. She read the letters that were sent to each group.
- In March we will recognize the Match and Tech Ed Teachers.

#### **PAAS:** Adrienne Brown

- The Diversity Matters Night was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Desegregation in Howard County, and the event was well attended. There was a speaker and international food.
- The movie “Race” will be screened at 10 am on Saturday at the movie theater at the Columbia Mall.

**School Improvement Team:** Jackie Manasterli

- There were administrators and teachers at the meeting, and Jackie was welcomed. They provided sub-committee reports about the SAT’s, AP goals, and trainings.
- There has been an increase in student engagement and staff engagement in activities.
- There were also student reps at the meeting.
- The next meeting is 5/2, and parents are welcome to attend.

**Scholarships:** Amy Cargiulo

- There are 6 scholarships awarded; 4 are local and 2 are County PTSA / PTAC. All applications are due by 4/16, and there is more information on the website.

**Nominating Committee:** Erica Byrne

- We are looking for more nominations for positions on the Executive Board.
- Suggestitons were made to approach various parent groups to look for more nominations.

**PTA Council:** Ginger Segala

- The monthly meeting is next week.
- Last month, 3 things were discussed. 1. The World Language Program – the program exists in 7 schools, and there was a presentation. The concern is that it takes from related arts at the elementary school level. 2. We do not know the schedule yet (for the end of the year or for next year). 3. BYOD – there is discussion of extending this program to the middle school level. There was a survey completed that showed a split opinion. They need to present data in order to make a decision.

**Membership:** Caroline Bodziak

- We have 714 members. The last day to apply is 3/15.
- For seniors to apply for PTSA scholarships, both the Senior and the parent must be members of the PTSA.

**Staff Appreciation:** Marisa Berry

- The PTSA is not coordinating anything next week with the SGA.
- The PTSA plans to do something for teachers on 3/23. The suggestion was made to wait until May, so that will be explored.

**Old Business:** Laura Munns

- Conversations That Matter: Small group discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Erica Byrne, PTSA Recording Secretary.