

Mt. Hebron High School PTSA Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Meeting called to order by Amal Allali at 7:05 PM

General Assembly Meeting

Principal's Report: Dr. Cockley

- Brochures provided: "Bullying Prevention" and "Educational Partnership"
- Mr. McCoy, MTH teacher, was highlighted in "Celebrate HCPSS" magazine
- Two former students highlighted in UMBC promotional materials: Grace Cho and Will Rice
- An email blast will go out for alumni feedback using Linked-In w/Dr. Cockley
- Dec. 21 - Alumni Day at MTH: Alumni will speak to classes re: college and careers. Interested alum. Can contact student services.
- The drinking water is safe. Students are still reporting issues, but all tests are clean and testing has continued (mostly in the Science wing). Further questions by parents: Why only 4 locations? Why only for VOCs and not other chemicals or metals? Dr. Cockley indicated that these are questions for the company that conducted the report and specific questions can be sent to Dr. Cockley and he will forward them on.
- Upcoming Dates: Conferences 11/21, 11/22, 11/23 (use Pick-a-Time to sign up)
- Late Bus - Tues/Thurs @3:45, 4 stops, see link on website for more info.

KASPO:

- Preparing for luncheon next month
- T-shirts ready

Viking Backers:

- Frozen Food Fundraiser ends Nov. 9
- Basket Bingo - Nov. 18 (tix on website - \$30)
- Annual tree sale - Nov. 25 - Dec.24 in the parking lot
- Viking Fest - April 1
- Still looking for someone to take over as president

PAAS: Nat Turner

- Cultural Dinners - Let Nat know if you are interested in cooking a cultural meal for a series of dinners and discussions. Groups can cook together, maybe in the home ec. area of the school. Subscriptions to the meals will be sold and participants will learn about regions and cultures. Looking to do this in early 2017 - organizational meeting will be held soon. Will culminate in an International Festival.
- Website: mthebronpaas.wixsites.com
- College tour to JHU and Morgan, Nov. 17, \$40/student (bus ride and lunch), 8am-5pm, sign up on website
- SAT mentoring program every Sat. through 12/10, 9-12 @ MTH. Next dates: 2/4/17-4/29/17. Meyerhoff scholars from UMBC help out. Free

Indian-American Parent Group:

- New Name: IASPA
- Working on mission statement, will be forming board and committees
- Would like to bring in Indian snacks for teachers - might do it for International Festival, Laura suggested staff appreciation in May.

PTSA: Amal Allali, President

- \$900 from SAT prep course
- \$1000 from Bob Lucido (\$500 to PTSA, \$500 to Viking Backers)
- From Board of Ed.: "Think Before You Post" forum, Nov. 14, 6-8pm, @ Homewood School, students welcome
- PTSA and Board of Ed. met Oct. 18. Issues discussed included: Class size, not sending tests home (it is up to individual teacher, not policy), and Common Core Math (some texts are not aligned).
- Mavis Ellis, Board of Ed. candidate, sat in on meeting

SGA:

- 42nd annual canned food drive Nov. 16 - Dec. 21. Cans/\$ collected during 6th per. Each 6th per. Elects a rep. Student volunteers are needed after school (hrs. count toward NHS), classes will be ranked, there are competition days, over 60,000 collected last year, helped 160 families.

PTSA Board Meeting

Attendance will be attached

Minutes from October 2016 meeting approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Godley, Treasurer

- Budget reflects check from Bob Lucido
- Donations and Membership Dues are together in one line item, but will be separated
- Baccalaureate will be transferred to Hospitality

MOTION to approve October monthly financials made by Cindy Anderson, seconded by Veronica Hall.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Committee Reports:**Membership**

- Membership down a bit from last year.
- 94 staff members have joined.
- An email blast will go out to senior parents. Seniors can apply for one of 5 scholarships. Seniors must join PTSA along with one parent to be eligible.
- Cards will go home in November.
- 600+ members total

Directory - Jen Cawthra

- Discrepancy w/County data and school form
- It runs 54 pages booklet style and will be printed through HCPSS Print Shop if we provide paper.

- PTSA will decide how to distribute
- Will be ready by 11/7

Staff Appreciation: Deb Baisel

- Tissue Drive during conferences (11/21-11/23). Blurb will be sent to Dr. Cockley for info to go out via email blast.

Hospitality: Amal Allali for Marissa B.

- Luncheon for teachers - Nov. 22

Old Business

- Caroline Bodziak has volunteered to be Patapsco Middle School liaison.
- Need liaisons for Dunloggin and Ellicott Mills
- Veronica Hall is Guidance Advisory liaison.
- Need Special Ed liaison and Hispanic/Latino liaison (will advertise in Viking Voice)

New Business

- Bylaws are up for review - tabled until December meeting
- 2017-18 school year start dates will be discussed at next General Assembly mtg.
- After-Prom - Full committee mtg. 11/3

Meeting adjourned: 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Nolan, Recording Secretary