

Mt. Hebron High School PTSA Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

General Assembly Meeting

Principal's Report: Dr. Cockley

- Black History Month
 - Guest speaker - post doctoral fellow from UMBC will address during Viking time tomorrow
 - Target date 3/8/17 - Dr Freeman Rebousi will address the students on how to develop a welcoming environment. Date is TBD 45 minute
 - They would like to live feed / tape the discussion - but this has not been approved
- 3/10 - Parent teacher conferences
- 4/22 - Kara Odom will organize a cultural fest
 - Student groups performances and information sessions led by students
 - Same day as Viking 5K
 - Al Essien - will this combine the parent groups? Kara - yes - she is coordinating with Nat - her intention is to use this as a fund raiser. She is working to have dance / art and other aspects such as ESOL students sharing their experience
 - Idea is that there would be activities throughout the school
- 3/1 - window opens for AP registration opens
- This is counselor appreciation week
- Scheduling - They are ½ way through the student body for class scheduling
 - Amal - students sometimes feel they don't have enough time to discuss the classes and decide what they want to take
 - Irene B. - 3 week window is to discuss the classes - they are free to come back after that window - and the counselors will help
 - She also sent an email about getting into Naviance
 - This is a good conversation to have about available careers and related salaries
 - She will be sending a list of Summer programs that are aligned to enhance college applications

PAAS: Nat Turner

- College trip open to College Park / Bowie State - need to get the date
- Amal will send info. in e-mail blast

IASPA: Gopi Suri

- He is working to bring a person (student w/perfect score from Centennial) to present on how to prepare to take the SAT / PSAT

Viking Backers: Laura Munns

- Need adults for concessions as we cannot open w/o adult
- Norsemen Scholarship due 3/3 - info on Backers site
 - \$500 - 3 or 4 scholarships
- Viking fest - St Johns Parish Day school 4/1
 - Silent auction

- Misspent youth
- Gambling wheel
- 5K - 4/22 - planning meeting 2/20 - basement of Ellicott Mills Brewery
- Hosting 5/19 and 5/20 - Lacrosse playoffs
- Laura Munns -
 - Received \$2000 from Vikings Backer for After Prom
 - In the past - we have had bags of mulch as a silent auction item

SGA: Liam Hall

- Viking service club - Change Matters - this is a change collection contest to go to Grassroots Crisis Intervention
- Hebron for Hope -
 - T-shirts \$10
 - Thursday 2/23 7:00 PM
 - Seniors Pep Rally 5:00 - 7:00 \$8.00
 - Children's Cancer benefit
 - 3/2 - pizza sale benefit after prom
 - Blood drive - 3/8
 - 3/10 - 7:00 - 10:00 - Shamrock shakedown - need help
 - 3/20 - 3/24 - Staff appreciation
 - Various events each day

PTSA Board Meeting

Attendance will be attached

Motion to approve Minutes from Caroline and Mary - Minutes approved

Amal Allali, President

- Student Voice and format of meeting - Amal did not receive any feedback
 - Should we allow more time for response?
 - This was to speak about issues
 - Kara noted that Mr. Cockley approached her to lead this
 - Laura Munns - this was raised after the English assignment issue - the Student Voice was active in previous years, but seniors graduated and it died
 - Should this be part of the PTA meeting? Or scheduled on a separate night?
 - Laura Bradley would be able to make announcement -
 - Noted that not all students are in the building - ARL
 - Irene Badomosi noted that she can send an email to all students
 - Al Essien - noted that leadership is needed from Dr. Cockley to ensure that this group is ongoing
 - It was formed in reaction to a previous incident
 - And is now being discussed in reaction to another incident
 - Amal - in the previous meeting - it was agreed that a parent would be needed to lead this

- Mr. Bashura - Kevin Schindell who teaches at Blair has helped facilitate an after school group that was focused on student diversity issues
 - He might be a food resource to provide a framework
 - Asked Dr. Cockley if there is a defined process for implementing something like this.
 - Dr. Cockley - Admin divides and conquers different groups for communication of issues
- All agreed that the objective is to have something in place before something happens to be proactive
- Howard County Drug Free
 - 4/26 is the proposed date for this
 - Amal has asked that the auditorium be held for this - needs vote to confirm
 - Police officers come to speak to students on safety related to beach week and prom
 - This would be prom week
 - This meeting would be open to all County residents
- PTA membership deadlines
 - 3/2 is the deadline
 - There are 5 PTA scholarships this year - need to be a PTA member to be eligible for the scholarships
 - Mr. Peabody will be administering the scholarships this year
 - She shared Terps young scholars program printed sheet
 - Dr Cockley noted that most colleges in this area have high school summer programs - not just MD
- Mock interview for 11th graders 3/2
- May - college information night for Juniors - Date TBD
- Naviance is a great resource for finding scholarships - enter info and it will filter to eligible scholarships
- PSAT - speaking to Sophomores about a link in Naviance that has tips and tricks to take the PSAT
- Graduation date not determined yet

Treasurer's Report: Ron Godsey, Treasurer

- Financials Reviewed
- Last Month - we received the grant from Allstate - which we have not received yet

MOTION made by Dana Hemelt to approve financials. Seconded by Caroline Bodziak.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Committee Reports:

After Prom - Laura Munns

- Mulch Sale - still looking for people with trucks
- New revamped website - linked from the PTA site

- Can take online PayPal orders
- Sign up genius on page as a link to volunteer
- \$4.90 / bag will be the price
- Mulch can be ordered from 2/15 - 3/15
 - Expect that the money raised will be equivalent to last year
- Almost every sport has activities that day - will need as many kids as possible to load

Caroline Bodziak

- Logo Contest for After Prom
- Shared sheet with the winning logo
- Twitter account is being used to communicate contests and other information related to After Prom
 - @MHHSAfterProm2017
- Corporate sponsors - asked people to reach out to local businesses as sponsors
 - She passed out flyer with sponsor info
- Hunt Valley Inn is location for prom
- YMCA 12:00 - 4:00 a.m.
 - Looking at hiring buses to get students from Hunt Valley to After Prom
 - \$373 / bus (~ 9\$ / Person)
 - Considering subsidizing the cost of this
 - There are logistical issues that need to be worked out -
 - Thought is that the kids would need to buy a ticket for the bus along with the prom ticket
- Viking backers donating \$2000
- Patti Lizzo working on food

PTACHC:

- Ginger -
 - Homewood
 - Homewood support was a focus
 - Talked about raising dues from each local to 200 from 170 and using the \$30 additional from each school to subsidize Homewood
 - Also discussed 12 high schools - 12 clusters - and rotate the teacher appreciation

MOTION made by Ginger Segala to support increase of \$30 to support Homewood PTSA.
Seconded by Caroline Bodziak.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- Public hearing on start time was tonight
 - They are having a professor from UMD complete study
- Discussed overcrowding
 - "Process that APHO went through to be redone was fixed"
 - There was little representation from the community

- Discussed 100% full as the threshold to build a new school as opposed to current 110%
- Manor Woods is currently at 200% capacity
- Work session for the budget tomorrow
- Testing - no formal right to refuse - but parents can request that their kids be excluded from testing
- Policies are being reviewed
 - One in particular is the discrimination policy
 - PTAHAC does not currently have a rep for that review
 - If interested contact Ginger for info
- Healthy relationships and dating dangers - need dates at Oakland Mills MS
- 3/25 - Bullying at Oakland Mills MS

Old Business

- Letter in support of Ms. Smith (Ron)
- Goal is to create an open and inclusive environment
- We want teachers to be supported in expanding cultural topics. We don't want to have the teachers shy away from topics that may be challenging
- Reviewed the letter that was drafted by Ron.
- Dr Cockley - spoke to personnel matters not being addressed in the letter - keep the focus on the support of the teacher and the goal of including diverse lessons
- Amal - spoke to the importance of the teacher knowing that she is supported
- Ginger - believes that we need to make sure that nothing like this happens again -
 - Noted that the media outlets and others had heard / known about this and that is what led to Dr. Foose's response
- A lot of discussion around the merits of asking for an apology
- Ron will make some changes and circulate the letter at that time

New Business

- none

Meeting adjourned: 8:54pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephen Nolan for Eileen Nolan, Recording Secretary