

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2020 6:30pm

Committee & Liaison Reports

CAPS Committee - Daisy Zhang

The Chinese American Parents and Students committee has planned the following for this school year: (1) establish a new master email list (waiting to get the list from school) and a new chat group for communication; (2) update our website; (3) hold parent meetings approximately every other month for school related activities, questions and concerns, feedback to administration, and committee planning; (4) hopefully host our annual Lunar New Year celebration with MHHS staff and students (if school building is open by that time).

We also have a new email address: capsa@mthebronptsa.com

IASPA Committee - Gopi Suri

KASPO Committee - Il Minn

Latin American Council (LAC) - Liset Rajaratnam

After-Prom - Caroline Bodziak & Laura Munns

Community Outreach - Still forming committee and looking for avenues to engage our students.

Guidance Volunteers - Srin Gorantla

Hospitality - Erin Lanthier, Robin Cohoon

The Hospitality Committee has been busy attempting to smooth the transition back to school for our teachers and staff. With generous donations from the parents we were able to put together 150 goodie bags filled with treats including drinks, granola bars, chips and cookies. We also managed to “treat” any of the children riding along with their parents. Also when staff spent a couple days collecting and handing out materials they received a bountiful feast of Chik-Fil-A breakfast sandwiches & Jimmy Johns subs for lunch. We can’t thank the parents enough for helping out with donations to help our staff.

Membership - Mary Pearce

We have 225 members thus far. 117 parents, 75 students, 33 staff members

We are offering 3 packages: \$100, \$80, \$60. Each with 2 members and donation. We are using MemberHub, a new communication tool, for directories and PTSA member messages. Please don't forget to sign up tonight, if you haven't already!

Mental Health - Ana Nunez

In July, we partnered with Grassroots for a virtual QPR suicide prevention training, specifically for our Mt. Hebron community.

In August, during materials drop-off days, the Mental Health Committee handled out a few hundred “I Will Never Give Up” bracelets and tons of materials on mental health resources in our community. We also cleaned and put up our “Don’t Give Up” signs at the school, and recently added the AFSP “Together to Fight Suicide” signs.

On Sept. 21, 7:00-8:30, Grassroots & Mt. Hebron’s PTSA will offer another virtual QPR training for anyone in our school community. Register by going to www.grassrootscrisis.org/events/

Any parents interested in joining the Mental Health committee should email ineedyoda@gmail.com.

Mulch Sale - Jason Bashura

While the pandemic may have “shredded” our plans for the mulch sale in the spring of 2020, we’re looking to fine tune our mulch ordering & distribution plans for the 2021 mulch sale. I’m hopeful that all of our volunteers from last year will be returning this year - and we will be recruiting at least 1 new mulch committee member from the incoming freshman families. The date of the mulch sale is as of yet to be determined - stay tuned. If interested in joining the Mulch Committee, please contact Jason @ JPB27NYY@verizon.net or via text @ 203-305-1973.

Scholarships - Laura Munns

At the budget meeting it was decided that this year we will again offer seven, \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors who are a member of the PTSA along with one parent. The deadline to apply will be April 15 and the application will be available online at our website beginning in February.

Senior Banners - VACANT

Staff Appreciation - Sandi Miller

In August we worked in conjunction with several other groups to provide encouraging notes/treats for the staff. Inside of the lunchbox that was given to the staff, we placed a package of cookies that said, “Thanks for helping to make us smart cookies.” And inside a water bottle, we placed a Crystal Light packet that said, “Staff like you are so refreshing.” We plan to also honor the staff in October alongside of the SGA and other groups. We will provide a “Staff Survival Kit” with small, fun treats in a bag with a cute card on it.

Volunteer Coordinator - Erin Lanthier

Website - Trisha Anand, Ashmitha Julius Aravind, Jon Booth (mentor)

PTACHC Reps - Julie Kim & Jemmie Paul

Nominating committee was voted in and will be working on a slate of nominees to be voted on. Elections must be in person. Requesting the state allow us to shorten time to vote from the time slate is announced in order to vote in new officers for the start of SY, hopefully at the October meeting. Voted to partner with League of Women Voters for the November election, more details to come.

ESOL Parent Liaison - Tara Anderson

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HC DrugFree Liaison - Jeff Li

Most recently, on August 14th, the Howard County Fire and Rescue Services hosted an online CPR training event that thoroughly explained the process of saving one's life from cardiac arrest and choking. There are no recent updates on when the upcoming meet is going to happen this September, but I will be sure to give you feedback on what we are planning for when the meet happens. Stay safe Hebron!

Patapsco MS Liaison - Keefe Hogan

Holding our first general membership meeting on 9/16. Major goals is to vote on and approve our budget, elect a secretary, and form a committee to update our bylaws.

Ellicott Mills MS Liaison - VACANT

Special Education Liaison - Alesia Richter

- First SECAC Meeting of the school year is 9/16/20 from 7pm - 9pm
- Zoom link will be sent once registration is received. Link to register is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/93984412410>
- Agenda items for meeting include:
 - Welcome, purpose, and vision
 - Announcements
 - HCPSS Department of Special Education Introductions and Updates
 - Board of Education Introductions and Updates
- I will be attending meeting and will share notes and information with Caroline, to send out in upcoming newsletter.

Viking Backers Liaison - Laura Munns

The Viking Backers kicked off the year with a virtual meeting on Monday, September 14. Jim Bahel will again be the President of our booster organization. Please be sure to join the Viking Backers along with the PTSA. Both work together on many projects that benefit the students and staff of MHHS. The Backers has a brand new website with a link to join with ease. The money you donate goes directly to supporting all clubs and organizations, as well as sports teams. With the loss of revenue in concessions and spirit wear with no sporting/drama and other events, the Backers needs your memberships more than ever!

The Backers voted and agreed to join us as partners in running four bingo nights for Hebron students. The Backers pledged \$200 in gift cards, (20 x \$10) for this event and Paula D'Alonzo has already purchased them.

Brian Rau - AAD for MHHS reported that the MPSSAA announced the winter sports season will take place Feb. 1 through March 27; the fall season March 15 through May 8; the spring season April 26 through June 19.

No decision has been made regarding state tournaments yet.

This is all of course pending the state of Covid and the opening of school buildings.

