

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 7:00pm

Committee & Liaison Reports

CAPS Committee - Margaret Sui

We (CAPS) will host a Lunar New Year celebration at MHHS on Friday 1/24/2019. We will provide the luncheon for the teachers and snacks for the students.

IASPA Committee - Gopi Suri

We are planning to celebrate Holi in Late March in association with South Asian club. Date is TBD.

KASPO Committee - Il Minn

Latin American Council (LAC) - Liset Rajaratnam

After-Prom - Caroline Bodziak & Laura Munns

The Committee is having its second meeting in early February. The entertainment contract with Talk of the Town is very close to being ready to sign. Contract with YMCA is in place. Considering opening up the YMCA pool for students to change things up. Susan Hill has joined the committee to assist with Prizes/Gift Cards. After-Prom has turned over Corporate Sponsorships to Viking Backers (so fundraising is centralized between the two organizations) which is donating money to After-Prom instead.

Glory Days - Laura Munns

We are no longer doing the receipt program with Glory Days. They have become a sponsor for VB at the \$500 level for this school year which will in turn help us get \$ for After Prom from VB.

Guidance Volunteers - Srinii Gorantla

Hospitality - Erin Lanthier, Robin Cahoon

Hospitality provided a pasta meal for the staff before Thanksgiving. Next year we will do a lunch instead of dinner to accommodate more teachers. Soon we will send out a sign up genius for our February K cup distribution (K cups can be delivered to school, our homes or sent directly to us via Amazon)

Loyalty Programs - Jennifer Hopkins

Membership - Mary Pearce, Patrice Flack

The Membership Committee and PTSA President met in December and did a live, online training session on MemberHub with a MemberHub rep. MemberHub is an online tool for managing membership and communication that MD PTA is requiring all state PTAs to use by Oct. 2020. Our MemberHub account is linked to the bank and is live, however has not been linked to our PTSA website yet. Our goal is to have it linked in time for a spring, pre-scholarship membership drive.

Our latest tally is 694 members, of which 69 are senior students and 98 are staff members.

Mulch Sale - Jason Bashura

Held our “kick off” Mulch Committee mtg. on Sunday, January 12th. Mulch delivery date is March 28th (mark your calendars!). Look for a “Mulch Minute” update in the Voice and Dr. Miller’s newsletter. We are in need of a logistics/dispatch (critical role!) coordinator for next year (*need to shadow this year!*) as Debbie Jacoby will be retiring her magic mulch wand. Next committee mtg. January 26, 9 am @ Einstein Bagels - if you’re interested / need more information, please contact Jason Bashura.

Scholarships - Laura Munns & Amy Cargiulo

The second \$500 checks were mailed at the first of the year to the 10, 2019 graduates who received the PTSA scholarship.

The Elizabeth Nass Scholarship the PTSA administered sent its last check in June to the final recipient under our care. The scholarship continues at James Madison University and is first awarded to students from Mt. Hebron high school, so if you know of anyone who is planning to attend James Madison university encourage them to apply. The Elizabeth Nass bank account was closed and the final remaining funds of 500+ dollars was mailed to the James Madison was mailed to the Elizabeth Nass fund.

We are in the process of updating the PTSA application for 2020 graduates. It will be available February 1 on our website. This year there will be seven \$1000 recipients.

Senior Banners - Cindy Anderson

Staff Appreciation - Sandi Miller -- Currently we are in the process of continuing to collect the remaining tissues and hand sanitizers to hand out to the staff. We hope to pass them out during mid-term week. We had a fun fall! On Dec. 9th, we appreciated the staff with a sweet treat in the staff workroom -- the bowl of candy said, “Twizz the Season to be Jolly” with twizzlers beneath it. In November we also left candy in the workroom with a sign that said “We really AppREESEiate you. Thanks for all you do” with a bowl of peanut butter cups. At the end of October we gave each staff member a treat in their box. We gave each staff member a post-it note pad that said “Take Note: We think you’re great!”

Student Directory - Cindy Carrico - Student directories were distributed to homeroom teachers before Winter Break. Hopefully they have made their way home to you by now!

Volunteer Coordinator - Erin Lanthier

On the website, there is a google doc that volunteers can fill out to be included in our SUGs and other volunteer requests (Thanks Caroline!)

Website - Carolina Kasuba, Pooja Nambiar, Debbie Jacoby (mentor)

ESOL Parent Liaison - Tara Anderson

HC DrugFree Liaison - Jeff Li

Mental Health Liaison - Ana Nunez

Excited about the vote to become a PTSA Committee at the Jan. 14 meeting! In planning stages for a Valentines Day "event" with parent-written anonymous notes of encouragement made available to all students throughout the school. Also coordinating with school staff in planning several student and parent activities to complement Mt. Hebron's Pi Week (to support mental health & suicide prevention) the week of March 14. Any parents interested in joining the committee should email ineedyoda@gmail.com.

Patapsco MS Liaison - Keefe Hogan - Patapsco Middle School had a dinner night on 12/3/19 at Squisitos. We are having our Winter Fun Knight on 2/7/20. Principal Babe and a few fathers from the PTA are looking into providing some mentoring/guidance/etc., for students - especially those without men in their lives.

Special Education Liaison - Alesia Richter