



Mount Hebron High School PTSA

**Tuesday, November 11, 2019 – General Meeting of the PTSA inc. the CAPS Committee,
KASPO Committee, PAAS and IASPA
6:30 PM Media Center**

Meeting Minutes

6:30pm Guest Speakers: Josh Sanders, The Answer Class

- There is a college for everyone
- Kids are stressed about these tests, so why do it?
- The SAT, ACT tests are standardized and that is important
- Some schools want ACT, SAT or some want nothing (about a 1,000 that do not require scores)
- Fairtest.org -keeps track of all schools that do not require schools
- Merit Scholarships based on SAT scores
- Acceptance rate is based on a school's ranking
- ACT, SAT are almost the same- so pick one if they are stressed about two tests
- ACT = 175 minutes, 215 questions, out of 36, math/english/writing/science sections (score is an average of the 4 areas)
- SAT = 180 minutes, 154 questions, out of 1600, math 800 & read/write 800
- Everything is a scaled score on both tests, not a raw score
- Google: Concordance SAT/ACT and it will give you an equivalent score for both tests so you can compare them
- You can use calculator on both tests
- At the end of the test you can stay behind and write an essay as an extra "bump" for admissions
(extra 40-50 minutes after the test is over)
- You have to move quickly on both tests, time management is critical
- Check the Admissions page from each college to know exactly what is required
- Score Choice - you can choose which of the test date scores you want to send the college (they cannot see the other scores)- do this if a college does not do Super Score
- Super Score (take the best of each section from the multiple times that you took the test)
- SAT (given in Oct, Nov, Dec, March, April, May, June, August)
- ACT (given in Sept, Oct, Dec, Feb, April, June, July)
- Take the test 2-3 times to increase your score but don't take it back to back, give yourself time to improve
- There so no reason to take the test if you have not prepared, you have to do something to prepare (hire a tutor, buy a book, take a class, take practice tests online or paper copy)
- Khan academy has lots of resources to study

- Register about 30 days before your child wants to take the test
- Prepare about 3x week for 30 minutes of practice three months before

7:00pm General Assembly Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome and Call to Order - Vivian Amos , PTSA Vice President**
- **Principal's Report – Dr. Joelle Miller**
 - AP exams (554 signed up)
 - December 9- December 15 is the Hour of Code
 - Winter Tryouts this Friday
- **SGA - Kevin Aguilar & Omar Kmir**
 - Canned food driven on now until December 20
 - Goal: \$25, 00 from cans and money
- **Parents of African American Students (PAAS)**
 - Glory Days is collecting receipts and giving back to school
 - Go there and eat, turn in itemized receipt
- **Faculty Report (not present)**
- **KASPO Committee Report - Il Minn, Chair**
 - (not present)
- **CAPS Committee Report – Margaret Sui, Chair**
 - (not present)
- **IASPA Report - Gopi Suri, President**
 - (nothing to report)
- **Latin America Council (LAC) Parent Advocacy Group (Liset Rajaratnam)**
 - (not present)

Toastmasters (Srini Gorantila)

- Has 30 students last year to compete last year
- Practices will happen on Friday afternoon (8 weeks)
- Shrini looking for help to run the club
- Thinking about running one in winter and one in the spring

Vicking Backers, Laura Munn

- basket bingo has sold out
- Marketplace event went well
- Trim a tree sale Nov.23-Dec.23 and every tree that sells profits the Viking Backers

Scholarship Information

- The Elizabeth Nass Scholarship commitment has now ended. The last money has been distributed. Our obligation is over.
- Andrew Noelle (\$250 scholarship) for a member of the Marching Unit still exists.

MOTION that PTSA will sponsor Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program made by Yasmina Overcast second by Sue Zhang.

Vote: Unanimous approval

MOTION that PTSA will approve the minutes from the October meeting.

Vote: Unanimous approval

Treasurer's Report - Sue Zhang

- Paid deposit for After Prom (made to YMCA)
- We need to pay the other half of the scholarship money to the recipients from last year

Viking Backers - Laura Munns, Viking Backers PTSA

- basket bingo has sold out
- Marketplace went well, may consider doing it more than once a year
- Trim a tree sale Nov.23-Dec.23 and every tree that sells profits the Viking Backer

Membership- Mary Pearce
(not present)

New Business-

- Member Hub - mandatory PTSA membership software by October 2020
- PTSA applied for a \$600 Horizon Foundation grant for mental Health activity
- PTSA hard copy of directories being printed as a membership service by the end of November

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 20 - QPR Suicide Prevention Training

Wed., noon – Deadline for Valhalla Voice submissions. Parent groups send to kyunghye_bergreen@hcpss.org. PTSA Committee chairs send to cbodziak@aol.com.