

September 11, 2018 – PTSA General Meeting in MHHS Media Center
Called to order 7:05pm

SGA (Mateo Brown)

Spirit Week – Oct. 8-12 will be filled with lots of fun
Pep Rally- Oct. 12 (fifth period)
Homecoming Day (Oct.13)- pancake breakfast, parade and game
October 16 & 17- Canned Food Drive
*Friendly competition between the 6th period classes to bring in most cans

Dr. Miller (Principal)

BTS Night went well. She has some ideas about how to possibly restructure it in the future.
PSAT Test (for 9th thru 11th grade) given on October 11.
Community Newsletter (Valhalla Voice) will be coming out on Sunday night/Monday morning
Emergency drills are happening and went well- still 12 more to do. MHHS will be offering a parent night to explain these drills and how they are keeping our children safe.

Budget (Sue Zhang)

- budget was shared (handouts given)
- a motion was made to share the budget with the general public so that it can be approved at the October meeting

PAAS (Rick Ridgely)

- Goal: to help give kids direction
- Delta Scholars
- Alpha Achievers

Chinese American (Grace Wang)

- Goal: Be Present, Make a difference
- Began March 2018
- Working to become more active

Indian American Group (did not catch name??)

- Goal: Enrich kids' lives and build cultural connectivity
- Dewalli celebration being planned
- began a few years ago
- slow membership but it is increasing

Toastmasters (Shrini & Dave Morris)

- Goal: to improve communication and leadership skills
- Will be working with all interested students (any grade level)

Viking Backers (Laura Munns)

- raises money for ALL parts of school, not just sports
- 5K race on October 7th- nee lots of help, good opportunity for kids to acquire service hours
- will also need lots of help with Homecoming (sign up genius will be sent)

Mr.Barker (teacher rep)

- hoping to further involve staff with PTA (not enough teachers involved)
- please reach out to teachers, not always admin. first- build those relationships with teachers, they are here to help!
- Come support the arts as much as possible
- Reflections (6 categories) 50th anniversary, theme: "Heroes Around Us", would love to have each category represented this year (visual arts, film , etc..)

Caroline Bodziak (President)

- Goal: Building Community and more Student Led Projects (ex: new website)
- Staff Appreciation Committee (new!) – will be giving out treats to teachers to show gratitude
- Monthly Meetings will be “themed based” (Safety concerns, Testing, Mental Health, etc.)

Debbie Jacoby made a motion to present the summary budget for a vote before the October general PTSA meeting.

Ron Godsey seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Eileen Nolan made a motion to submit the MHHS PTSA Position Statement in High School overcrowding to the Howard County BOE with the following changes:

1. In the 4th bullet point, add the names of the high schools we are talking about so the bullet reads: “Redistricting, if necessary, should be done in such a way as to impact the fewest number of families necessary to achieve the desired outcome. For example, students at an overcrowded school, like Howard HS, should be assigned to an under utilized school, like Marriotts Ridge HS, without the domino affect of impacting schools in between, like Mt. Hebron HS.
2. The addition of a 5th bullet point to read: HCPSS should research flex time, and consortiums form surrounding counties like Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Montgomery County that are facing the same over crowding issues as Howard County.

Cindy Carrico seconded the motion. The vote passed with no further discussion.