

PTSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 7:00pm

Committee & Liaison Reports

CAPS Committee - Daisy Zhang

An end-of-school-year picnic was planned but it may be canceled or postponed until the end of summer depending on how the school year ends.

IASPA Committee - Gopi Suri

Had to cancel plans to hold a March/April Holi celebration event. Will look forward to do one in 2021.

KASPO Committee - Il Minn

Latin American Council (LAC) Committee - Liset Rajaratnam

Liset created a WhatsApp group for Mt. Hebron's Spanish-speaking families, and is calling each of the school's 240 families individually to invite them to join the group. The school currently uses Remind to communicate with Spanish-speaking students, and texting to communicate with parents, and we are coordinating with related school staff and admin. PTSA will use WhatsApp as an additional tool to communicate with families, including providing links to information about the current Technology Survey, and online education opportunities and school classes.

After-Prom - Caroline Bodziak & Laura Munns

The status of Prom/After-Prom is in limbo as HCPSS has not yet updated the date when school is expected to officially begin again back in the building after the President's call to extend the Social Distancing directive to April 30. PTSA has decided to cancel existing contracts with the intention of re-evaluating and re-initiating if Prom is rescheduled.

A successful AP is contingent upon being able to rework all PTSA contracts with the site (YMCA) and vendors (entertainment, food, bus, security), and having enough time to recruit volunteers, communicate/market effectively to students & parents, and sell tickets.

PTSA and Viking Backers have a signed MOU representing the intention of VB to donate to After-Prom in lieu of PTSA pursuing corporate donations. The 2020 donation is \$7,000. If AP is cancelled, PTSA will return the funds to VB, and determine a new amount for 2021.

The Sign-up Genius has been updated. Tuxedo rental measurements had to be cancelled. Parent donation letters were to go out by April 1 but have been cancelled - half the order is still at HCPSS Print Shop.

In the event AP is cancelled, PTSA will find a way to raffle off prizes we already have to Hebron's current juniors and seniors.

Guidance Volunteers - Srinu Gorantla

Hospitality - Erin Lanthier, Robin Cahoon

Our next event is supposed to be a breakfast during Teacher Appreciation week in May. Until we know when we are returning to school, we will put this on hold.

Loyalty Programs - Jennifer Hopkins

Membership - Mary Pearce, Patrice Flack

Nothing new to report beyond last membership push for seniors and their families who are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Mental Health - Ana Nunez

We successfully started Pi Week collaboration with school during the week of March 9-13 with “Hands Across Hebron” activity during lunch, providing and handing out “Never Give Up” bracelets to students, and parent volunteers helping collect student donations towards funding a day’s operations at Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. We also successfully hosted a related guest speaker at the March 10 PTSA meeting. Other Pi Week-related PTSA activities we had to cancel include:

- QPR suicide awareness and prevention training (March 16),
- screening of the film “Not Alone” for parents and students followed by facilitated panel discussions (March 24)
- partnering with Ellicott City Soccer Club and Viking Backers to host a program on “Mental Health & Student Athletes” (March 23) in the cafeteria.

These activities were to be funded under our Horizon Foundation grant, which stipulates we must now fulfill our grant objectives in the fall of 2020.

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

Mulch Sale - Jason Bashura

All of the “logistics” behind the scenes are falling into place: Mr. Rau has assigned spring sports teams; marketing is in full swing - hard copy & electronic media; we almost needed to figure out mulch delivery fees for a Hebron family that moved to Hawaii (not really true, but... what if!?!?!); the mulch committee is using Mulch Mondays and the Mulch Minute in the Friday newsletter to help educate our community to understand some of the “physical characteristics” of MULCH. As of 3/5/20 we’ve sold approx 2500 towards our goal of 6000 bags. The Mulch Committee appreciates if everyone could start saying some prayers and offering up some positive vibes for good weather on delivery day Saturday, March 28th.

Nominating- Yasmina Overcast, Joelle Miller, Laura Munns and Nasim Mahate

Elections may need to be held in September if school does not reopen this year. Can not be done via email. Will be looking for nominees for all positions, but especially Corresponding Secretary and Second Vice President.

Scholarships - Laura Munns & Amy Cargiulo

Live on website now. Completed applications due by 2:30pm April 15 to Amy Cargiulo (printed out, completed, scanned, and emailed) at cargiulo@verizon.net . There are seven \$1,000 scholarships available for post-high school activities, not limited to higher education. Student and parent must be PTSA members by 11:59pm March 30 to qualify.

Senior Banners - Cindy Anderson

Orders were due April 4 at www.varsitygraphics.net/hebron. Was extended to April 8. Vinyl banners are 2’x3’ and sold for \$35. Instead of hanging banners in the hallways, PTSA will hang the banners (if

parents desire) on the field hockey field fence fronting Rt 99. PTSA will schedule a pick up day/location for families to retrieve their banners at the end of April/early May.

Staff Appreciation - Sandi Miller

In April our hope was to celebrate the teachers with a treat in the workroom as well as honor the Administrative Assistants with a gift card and luncheon. This has all been postponed. The staff appreciation committee will pick up with where we left off in our staff appreciation treats whenever we resume school session.

Student Directory - Cindy Carrico

Done. Will probably not publish in hard copy form next year.

Volunteer Coordinator - Erin Lanthier

The google doc described below is still live and I'll happily collect data. The other 2 SUG will be suspended until school resumes.

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

We have 2 sign up genius ongoing for the rest of the year. One for lunch once a month for "Men Rising" - a new group formed to help young men succeed in school. The other for after school lunch/food/snacks on Tuesdays for our ESOL homework/ study group.

ESOL teachers wanted to pass along how much the food is helping them. They have more kids coming to the tutoring sessions. The kids are so grateful that we are feeding them. The teachers tell me it is making a difference. Thank you!!

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

Received 6 student applications for the new student Web Team for next year. Will conduct ZOOM interviews with candidates during April to determine two new Web Team members. Jon Booth will take over as Web Mentor from Debbie Jacoby.

ESOL Parent Liaison - Tara Anderson

HC DrugFree Liaison - Jeff Li

Patapsco MS Liaison - Keefe Hogan

Special Education Liaison - Alesia Richter