

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:00pm

Committee & Liaison Reports

CAPS Committee - Margaret Sui

IASPA Committee - Gopi Suri

We are planning to celebrate Holi in Late March in association with South Asian club. Date is TBD. Nothing else to report.

KASPO Committee - Il Minn

Latin American Council (LAC) - Liset Rajaratnam

After-Prom - Caroline Bodziak & Laura Munns

Sign-up Genius is being updated. Hiring security guards and getting updated paperwork from vendors. Working on marketing. Admin allowing PTSA to hang up a cork board on the wall by cafeteria doors - will use this to promote After-Prom. Tuxedo rental measurements during lunches March 19-20. Parent donation letters to go out by April 1. PTSA and Viking Backers to soon have signed MOU representing agreement on VB donation to PTSA for After-Prom related to corporate donations.

Glory Days - Laura Munns

Did not do this year. Will eliminate this heading in subsequent reports.

Guidance Volunteers - Srinu Gorantla

Hospitality - Erin Lanthier, Robin Cahoon

Next event will be breakfast for the staff during Teacher Appreciation week in May.

Loyalty Programs - Jennifer Hopkins

Membership - Mary Pearce, Patrice Flack

Did one last membership push for seniors and their families who are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Updated the new membership hub and will begin testing with a projected "going live" timeframe Fall '20.

Mental Health - Ana Nunez

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, including a guest speaker at the PTSA meeting (March 10), QPR suicide awareness and prevention training (March 16), and a screening of the film "Not Alone" for parents and students followed by facilitated panel discussions (March 24). Also partnering with Ellicott City Soccer Club and Viking Backers to host a program on "Mental Health & Student Athletes" March 23 in the cafeteria. During school lunches March

9-10 PTSA is sponsoring a “Hands Across Hebron” activity where students may put their name on a paper hand cut-out. Paper hands will be taped up in a chain on school walls to show solidarity of students behind mental health. All students who sign hands receive a rubber bracelet printed with “I will never give up”. 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.

Scholarships - Laura Munns & Amy Cargiulo

Live on website now. Completed applications due April 15 to Student Services. 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

Taking order now at www.varsitygraphics.net/hebron. Vinyl banners are 2’x3’ and selling for \$35. Orders must be in by April 4 to be hung. HCPSS will hang banners in the hallways April 16. Seniors will receive their banners on graduation rehearsal day.

Staff Appreciation - Sandi Miller We appreciated the staff in two different ways during the month of February -- we provided a bowl full of Hershey Kisses with a sign that said, ‘Kisses are sweet, our school is, too, we are so blessed to have staff like you.’ On February 25th, we placed a treat in all of the staff mailboxes (mint tic tacs with a note saying “Thank you for your commitment, encouragement, investment, and involvement.” Looking forward, we plan to place highlighters in staff mailboxes with a note that says, “Great teachers like you need to be highlighted and appreciated” during the month of March.

Student Directory - Cindy Carrico

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

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.

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)

Will soon begin recruiting phase for new student Web Team members for next year.

ESOL Parent Liaison - Tara Anderson

HC DrugFree Liaison - Jeff Li

Patapsco MS Liaison - Keefe Hogan

Special Education Liaison - Alesia Richter