
Call to Order/Introductions - 7:01 pm

SGA report - Kyla Erman
Volunteered at the Howard County Food Bank.
Planning for a game night.
Working on a theme for prom, possibility “Roaring Twenties.”

Teacher Representative - Lorene Cannella

We have a strong technology department at MRHS.

Orientation for incoming students was held on January 9th
   • Orientation welcomed incoming 9th graders and students redistricted to MRHS.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) recent activities
   • Volunteered with Allied Bowling.
   • Ran a blood drive.

The AP Department is growing and resources are also increasing to meet those demands.

Principal’s report - Tammy Goldeisen

The projected student population for 2021-2022 school year
   • 9th graders-431 students
   • 10th graders-451 students
   • 11th graders-375 students
   • 12th graders-347 students

Currently MRHS has 1,472 students.

MRHS Incoming Orientation for new students
   • Orientation was held on January 9, 2020 for the incoming freshman and for the students that have been redistricted to MRHS for the upcoming school year.
   • Every family that attended received a MRHS magnet and refreshments.
   • The Hitching Post was open during orientation.
• Team Leaders were in the hallways and available to answer questions.
• In hindsight, it probably would have been better to have a separate orientation just for the redistricted families. However, overall the orientation was successful.
• There were approximately 300 parents in the auditorium for the orientation.

Course registration for students is now open
• Currently, working on master schedule and staffing.

The Choral Cluster Concert was wonderful.

Unacceptable behavior at a home basketball game
• The opposing basketball team, principal and community were upset with the MRHS student’s behavior.
• MRHS students were degrading the opposing team and individuals were being targeted.
• A woman from other team was taunting the students and the students were engaging with her.
• We want our school reputation to be strong and positive, not disrespectful.

Motivational speaker, Marc Mero
• Looking to have Marc Mero speak to students on February 29th sometime during the morning.

New teachers at MRHS
• Ms. Wang is a new Science teacher who is replacing Bernadette Allman.
• Currently, in the process of replacing the Social Studies teacher, Katherine Han.

Thank you to Theresa Yodzis for nominating Tammy for Principal of the Year.

Students need to make class selections by January 17, 2020.

President’s Report – Sharon Blessing

Showing of Screenagers at MRHS
• Original film was redone about 6 years ago.
• MRHS PTSA donated $100 to MVMS, towards the showing of Screenagers.

Looking for the MRHS Mustang Market table cloth, could possibly be in the Booster’s storage closet.

Leadership U opportunity
• Leadership U is an organization in Howard County that seeks to train students to be leaders.
• Currently looking for students from the Sophomore class to work with this program in the Fall of their Junior year.

Proposed a request to budget $2,000 for a motivational speaker. Currently not in the budget, but can be voted on.

Horizon Foundation Grant
• Next Wednesday, the Horizon Foundation would like for 2-3 people from MRHS PTSA to attend a training meeting for the award of a $600 grant.
• The training will be at Wilde Lake HS, from 6:30-8p.
• The goal is to inundate the community with people who have the knowledge of helping someone who is contemplating taking their life.

Budget – Heather Dyer

PTSA membership is up.
Mustang Madness brought in $1000 more than expected. A motion is made to allocate $2000 for a motivational speaker.
- Tracey made the motion, Lori seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Parent donations for AfterProm dropped last year by $1,500.

PTSA Group Discussion

MRHS meeting minutes availability
- Should the meeting minutes be protected or available to the public?
- It would provide a sense of transparency to have the meeting minutes available to all.
- Tracey makes a motion to have the meeting minutes made available to the public. Lori seconded the motion.
- Tracey makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the December and November meetings. Lori seconded the motion.

After Prom – Michelle Kocak

$25 and Alive donation program
- In order to increase donations, it is suggested that maybe we should make donations available online through the Membership Toolkit (our website).
- Can Lori send an email that allows people to provide a direct link for “$25 and Alive” online.
- Francine will look into setting up the proper mechanisms in the membership toolkit to pay for “$25 and Alive” online.
- The objective is to have the Membership Toolkit as a main application for paying for prom tickets with the option of being able to send in a check.
- Maybe there should be an option to donate for “$25 and Alive” at the beginning of the year.

Directory – Tracey Schutty

It’s on our website, and easily accessible to anyone who is registered on PTSA website.

Grocery Rewards – Pam Wilson

Harris Teeter Together in Education enrollment up by 35 families.
Will check to see if Harris Teeter gives double bonus points if you use self-check out.

Hospitality – Gwen Bury

The next lunch will be Italian themed and will include gluten and vegetarian options.
The sign-up sheet to volunteer for the hospitality lunches is located in the MRHS newsletter.

PTACHC Report – Joanna Ramos-Romero

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)
Fifth General Meeting
January 6, 2020

CB1-2020: Presentation by Liz Walsh of the first bill of the Council in 2020. This changes the waiting period for any development building into school zones that are over capacity from 4 to 7 years. This is based on past experience siting, fundraising, and constructing a new school. Councilwoman Walsh encouraged us to email
councilmail@howardcountymd.gov to express support for the bill. The more emails, the better. This bill is one of the few things that the Council can do to address overcrowding. The first public hearing for this bill will be on Jan. 21. (CB1-2020 is attached.)

**Board of Education Report:** First BOE meeting is this Thursday. The main agenda item is the superintendent’s budget proposal, which is unlikely to have funds to cover HCPSS debt and rising enrollment. The BOE will advocate for a fully-funded operating budget. The first public hearing on this will be on Jan. 16 at 7pm.

**State Report:** Maryland PTA Legislative Night is Feb. 13 in Annapolis. This is an opportunity to meet with legislators. Any PTA member can participate.

**Legislative Updates and Positions:** Delegates and PTA presidents voted on PTACHC positions on proposed local bills that the MD General Assembly will consider during the upcoming general session.

Bills that PTACHC supports:

- Ho. Co. 6-20 – Reporting on Demographics and Reduction of Academic Disparities
- Ho. Co. 11-20 – Moderate Income Housing Unit Requirements
- Ho. Co. 13-20 – Public School Capacity-School Board and Planning Commission. Note: PTACHC’s Legislative Committee considers this the most important bill put forth by the county delegation regarding education.
- Ho. Co. 19-20 – Education-Report on Deferred Maintenance
- Ho. Co. 26-20 – Transfer Tax-Rate Increase Authorization

Bills that PTACHC does not support:

- Ho. Co. 1-20 – Board of Education-Redetermination of Geographic Attendance Areas
- Ho. Co. 23-20 – Public Schools-Reporting of Student Data

Bills for which PTACHC does not have a position:

- Ho. Co. 35-20 – Bond Bill that provides matching funds to CAC to renovate a site at Long Reach Village Center for four classrooms for Head Start or pre-K
- Ho. Co. 2-20 – Residential Property and New Home Construction Advertisements
- Ho. Co. 4-20 – School District Boundary Changes and Sales of Residential Real Property
- Ho. Co. 22-20 – Public Campaign Financing-Board of Education

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)
Fifth General Meeting 6 January, 2020

**Board Attendees:**
1. Brent Loveless, President
2. Karen Herren, Executive Vice President
3. Lisa Soto, Vice President, Issues (late arrival)
4. Brett Sovereign, Secretary
5. Meg Ricks, Chair, Policy Committee
6. Tonya Tiffany, Chair, Legislative Committee

**Meeting was called to order:** 7:34 pm. Quorum was confirmed.

**Announcements:** There will be financial training, January 23rd and February 13th at 7 pm Old Cedar Lane School. There will be an announcement shortly to confirm.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No report. December report of expenses attached. Financial training is promised (see above).

**Secretary’s Report:** Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
The following PTACHC positions were discussed, voted on by the members present, and adopted:

- Howard County – Board of Education – Redetermination of Geographic Attendance Areas, Ho. Co. 1-20

Position: PTACHC does not support this bill as written due to the increased frequency of redistricting without addressing factors such as stability and net resources like system wide capacity.

- Howard County – Board of Education – Reporting on Demographics and Reduction of Academic Disparities, Ho. Co. 6-20

Position: PTACHC supports this bill and encourages improvements in analyzing achievement gap data and dissemination of that information to legislators as well as advocates seeking effective solutions. However, we recommend amendments that will discourage duplicative reporting efforts.

- Howard County – Moderate Income Housing Unit Requirements – Prohibition Against Fee-in-Lieu, Ho. Co. 11-20

Position: PTACHC does support this bill because it reduces the potential for concentrations of poverty and also reduces the potential for more frequent redistricting.

- Howard County – Public School Program Capacity – School Board and Planning Commission, Ho. Co. 13-20

Position: This position reaffirms a prior position on this subject. PTACHC supports non-discretionary safeguards to keep any overcrowding protections at permanent facilities of each local school that exceeds 100% utilization.

- Howard County – Education – Report on Deferred Maintenance, Ho. Co. 19-20

Position: Due to the inadequate sources of revenue from the development community, PTACHC recognizes the shortfalls of existing capital funding and supports the granting of authority to fund the completion of deferred maintenance among all HCPSS facilities.

- Howard County – Public Schools – Reporting of Student Data, Ho. Co. 23-20

Position: PTACHC is concerned about student privacy and duplicative data retrieval; therefore, we do not support this bill.

- Howard County – Transfer Tax – Rate Increase Authorization, Ho. Co. 26-20
Position: Due to historic shortages in county finances for school funding, PTACHC supports necessary funding to acquire school sites when and where they are needed to meet and maintain educational standards without compromise of resources.

In addition, the following proposed local education-related legislation was discussed, and no official PTACHC position was taken:

- Ho.Co. 35-20 – Provides Matching Funds to CAC to renovate a site at Long Reach Village Center for four classrooms each with 18-20 children ages 3-5 who are eligible for Head Start or Pre-K.
- Howard County – School District Boundary Changes and Sales of Residential Real Property - Notices, Ho. Co. 4-20
- Howard County – Public Campaign Financing – Board of Education, Ho. Co. 22-20

Meeting adjourned: 9:34 pm.
Next Meeting: Monday 3 February 2019 Homewood School at 7:30 pm.

Associated Documents: Minutes from 2 December General Meeting, Meeting agenda, Treasurer’s Report. Proposed PTACHC positions on Howard County State Delegation proposed legislation.

Minutes taken by Brett Sovereign, Secretary

Reflections – Tracey Schutty

Update on Reflections Program

- There has been a total of ten submissions to date, and eight of those submissions have been forwarded to the county.
- All of the participates have received certificates.
- The question is raised if we should continue the Reflections Program.
- Teachers are not anxious to support this program.
- It is suggested that an email could be sent out to teachers for their input on how they feel about this program and how it could be promoted.
- Heather makes a motion to add $150 to the budget to support this program. Lori seconds the motion and all are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.