

Blair PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022
Meeting started 7 pm

- I. May Minutes approved by membership
- II. President Updates: (Ayo)
 - a. Membership
 - Become a member and donate
 - Membership is free, but PTSA does pay for members
 - \$50,000 fundraising goal
 - Reach out to Ayo or any member of the executive team if you are interested in
 - b. Volunteer position needs
 - MCCPTA Representative
 - Fundraising Chair
 - Finance Review Committee
 - c. Citrus Sale
 - Returning to pre-pandemic way we did it
 - People will pick up in person; will need student help to unload
 - Can still ship to home, but there will be a fee
 - Website opens Sept 30; closes in November
 - Can also donate to Shepherd's Table. They really appreciate it
 - d. Homecoming Dance
 - October 1st from 6:30-9:30
 - Need lots of parents to sign up to help set up and chaperone
 - SignUp Genius coming soon
 - Dance is all over the school. Music and DJ. Different areas for kids to spread out.
- III. Treasurer's report: School Year 2022-2023 Proposed Budget (Hong)
 - a. Fundraising goal of \$68,750
 - b. Biggest chunk is programs followed by teacher and staff support
 - c. Fundraising gift to school for more outdoor tables
 - d. Feel free to email Hong at Blair Treasurer if you would like the detailed budget
 - e. Amend school gift line to say school improvement
 - f. BUDget approved after motion and second
- IV. Upcoming Meetings: School Year 2022-2023
 - a. Third Tuesdays at 7:00pm
 - b. November 15, 2022 (virtual)
 - c. February 21, 2023 (in person)
 - d. April 18, 2023 (in person)
 - e. May 16, 2023 (virtual)
 - f. Would love to hear what parents are interested in so we can be responsive to what's happening in the community
- V. Principal's Report by LaVina Carrio (11th grade administrator) for Principal Johnson
 - a. Mr. Culver (10th grade administrator)
 - b. Dr. Lewis Davis (DEI coordinator)
 - c. Back to School Night: Thursday, September 22
 - Meetings begin at 5:30pm
 - Class schedules begin at 7:00
 - Contact Joseph_M_Fanning@mcpsmd.org

- Arrive early! Parking will be busy
- d. Parent Visitation Day: October 10th. Follow your student to classes.
- e. Class of 2023
 - QR code for senior parents - survey regarding where to host graduation
 - Form for ordering cap and gowns. Orders are due by December 16th.
 - Email Ms. Fus with questions (Roxanne_M_Fus@mcpsmd.org)
 - Can donate for kids who cannot afford a cap and gown. Contact Ms. Fus
- f. Counseling update
 - Website has a lot of information
 - New college and career coordinator
 - Upcoming college and career fair
 - Students can see counselors by email, appointment, at lunch, before or after school. Link is in the counseling website.
- g. Scheduling
 - Add/drop window was September 1st - 15th to request changes to classes
 - Final day for changes is October 4th
 - Interim grades are due October 7th
- h. Grading
 - Discussion of Synergy and Canvas
 - Have reverted back to pre-pandemic policies. Some assignments can be made up and some cannot. E.g., in math they will close the assignment when there is a deadline so students don't fall behind.
 - For IEP and 504 kids, teachers are aware of the IEPs and 504s and will give extended time
- i. PSATs: October 12th
 - Delayed opening for 9th and 12th graders (virtual college and career readiness activities). Will be a choice of which activities they would like to do
 - 10th grade (all) will participate; 11th grade will take if registered
 - Classes start at 12:45; can access the virtual activities from school. But will not be marked absent if don't come to the virtual activities. Attendance will be taken after 12:45.
 - To be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship, need to take PSAT
 - Can reserve calculators, but students should bring them
- j. AP Exams: Date & Deadlines
 - November 15th - Final deadline for AP orders
 - March 15th - deadline to submit final updates for AP exam order
 - If complete FARMS form, can get reduced cost for AP exams
 - Students are automatically registered to take the AP exam for their classroom. Ms. Blaha is the AP Exam contact
- k. College and Career Preparation
 - Career Fair: Thursday 9/30 5:30-7:30pm
 - In the staff parking lot on Colesville Road
 - Resources
 - The George B. Thomas Learning Academy, Saturdays at Blair (Mr. Culver)
 - Blair Lunch: Department Academic Support (lunch.mbhs.edu) - This is where teachers communicate their academic support time
 - Counseling: social/emotional support
 - Tutors: Bliss, National Honor Society, Cares Act

- Ms. Washington (Pupil Personal Worker)
 - Ms. Navabian (Parent Community Coordinator)
 - Community resources: YMCA, SASCA
- I. Restorative Justice at Blair (Dr. Lewis Davis)
- Restorative Practices Guiding Principles: MCPS defines restorative justice as an approach to building community, self care and conflict resolution
 - RJ is motivated by repairing harm, not punishment
 - Student compliance for not equate student engagement
 - Restorative Justice works with affected individuals to restore and repair relationships
 - Strengthens communities and while fostering a safe school environment
 - Examples: kindness corner, yoga, restorative justice circles
 - Restorative justice video
 - MCPS has a restorative justice site,
 - MBHS Blazing Toward Equity site
 - Blair's D&I office is in room 340
 - Have a playlist for teachers with ideas for how to redirect
 - SGA has a restorative justice committee that works with Mr. Culver and Dr. Lewis Davis
- m. MBHS Rec Zone
- Supports activities in the gym (soccer, ping pong, Connect 4, etc)
 - Also afterschool 2:30-5:00
- n. High School Plus
- For students that need to recover credit
 - October 4-January 10
 - Permission slip to take it
- o. Spirit Week: 9/26-30
- Tuesday - Anything but a backpack day
 - Wednesday - Worldwide Wednesday
 - Thursday - Surfers v. bikers
 - Friday - Red out
 - Pep Rally - Friday 9/30 (early dismissal) and alternative schedule that morning. Pep rally is during school day.
 - Game - Friday 9/30
 - Dance - Saturday 10/1 6:30-9:30pm in the SAC and courtyards. Non-MCPS students can come if they complete a form
 - Cost \$20
 - Ticket sales start 9/22 across from main office
 - Theme: Enchanted Forest
 - DJ, Karaoke, Games, Photo Booth, Food
 - Need chaperones
 - Attire: no strict dress code
- p. MAP Testing
- September 21-27
 - Both MAP-R and MAP-M
- q. Hispanic Heritage Month celebration
- Shared calendar of events (Sept 15-Oct 15th)

8:29 Meeting adjourned