



Mount View Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023

7:00 pm Virtual Meeting

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Michelle Laird at 7:02pm.
- **Principal's Report (Ms. Moore)**
 - Title: **Student Drug Use: A Crisis We Can't Ignore!**
 - Audience: Parents/Adults
 - When: **Wed. March 28 – 7:00-9:00 pm**
 - Where: Howard HS
 - Tentative Agenda:
 - 7:00-7:30 – Dr. Martirano Speaks
 - 7:30-7:45 – Resource Tables (They will also be available before 7:00 if you want to come early.)
 - 7:45-8:45 – 1 Break Out Session
 - Planned Session Topics (Ideas & sessions still forming)
 - Opioids, Fentanyl, Narcan
 - Substance Abuse – Cannabis & Marijuana
 - Vape Devices & Nicotine
 - Barbara Allen – from James Place
 - Health Education
- The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would like to invite you to attend a virtual training for parents and caregivers on **children's mental health** from **6:00-7:15 pm EST on Wednesday, March 22.**
 - The training aims to provide parents and caregivers with the information and resources to recognize, manage, and support their children's mental health needs. We know that parents and caregivers play a vital role and want to provide you all with the tools and skills needed to support your children.
 - ACF and SAMHSA are engaged in several efforts to improve behavioral health (mental health and substance use) for children, youth, and families. Our agencies are committed to continuously engaging with families and communities to ensure we provide timely and relevant information that meets your needs. We have engaged and learned from several parents and caregivers about the kind of behavioral health resources that would be helpful for them and their peers. We have used the shared expertise and suggestions to inform the development of this webinar training. We hope you will attend and share information about this event with others!

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Zoom Webinar – please register [HERE](#)

- School Diversity Equity and Inclusion survey - we need more parents to participate this year. There were only 37 that participated last year. The data is used to help develop the School Improvement Plan for the coming year and Ms. Moore would like to have more of the parent perspective in the planning process.
 - MSDE School Report Card just released and Mount View earned five stars again this year. See more details in this week's ViewPoint. She is proud of her students and staff.
 - We are in the midst of testing season. 8th Graders just finished MISA science assessment in their science classes. Parents should check Canvas calendar and school announcements for future testing dates. MCAP will begin after spring break (ELA first and then social studies, math) as well as the MD school climate survey). She encourages consistent attendance so students can take the test on the assigned dates and not have to miss class for make-up sessions.
 - April 17th - next meeting for the School Improvement Team. Email Ms. Moore if you are interested in helping to analyze student climate survey data to help plan for the upcoming school year.
- **Teacher's Report-** Mrs Rimmel
 - They were happy to have parents visit again for the Wax Museum day for 8th grade.
 - Ms. Finley would like to share that there are lots of events in March. They are asking for [Legacy Gift Donations](#) during the book fair. Families can donate books and the family. Thank you to PTA for gift certificates for the bookmark contest.
 - Thank you to PTA for donating money to help pay for Shakespeare residency. They are coming in the last week in April and first week in May.
 - **PTA President Update** Michele Laird
 - Ms Moore was honored by the Maryland Music Educators Association as recipient of 2023 Outstanding School Administrator award. Congrats to Ms. Moore on this recognition.
 - Treasurer report - we have the funds for what we need for this year, but will need to talk more about fundraising for next year.
 - We successfully restocked the pantry for the Homewood school. Thank you to Deepali Kandhari, Sushama Jain and Jill LaMountain for coordinating and to everyone who donated!



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- We will need additional support for board positions for the 2023-2024 school year for PTA.
- Upcoming Restaurant Nights:
 - 03/20/23 = Tony's Pizza - Both locations.
 - 04/14/2023 = Blowfish Poke Marriottsville
- **Staff Appreciation Committee** Glenda Hernandez-Tittle
 - February - SAC provided a small gift bag with breakfast treats for bus drivers (early morning surprise!) We celebrated counselors with lunch and treat bags.
 - April - Admin professional day will be celebrating all four secretaries.
 - May 9-12 - National Teacher Appreciation Week (Theme: You are a Super Star!) They will use some of what they used for West Friendship last year. They are excited to celebrate MVMS teachers. There is now a call for donations to replace the Gift of Thanks for the end of the year. They are asking families to sponsor staff at \$40 per staff member. Hoping to have admin celebrate teachers on Monday and the team will celebrate teachers on Tuesday - Friday.
 - SAC is organizing the MRHS Theater concessions
 - Volunteers needed Friday, April 28th at 7-8:30 pm and Saturday, April 29th at 2pm and 7pm.
 - We will be putting a call for volunteers at beginning of April.
 - Glenda is working with staff to sell concessions and Shrek merchandise to help defray the costs of future expenses.
- **PTACHC Update:** Glenda Hernandez-Tittle
 - Howard County by Design (2040 General Plan - longterm vision) - there is concern that it does not include any funding related to school improvements. PTACHC would like to advocate for that plan to address school improvements.
 - Next year families will need to opt-in for transportation so that the transportation office can better plan for bus routes.
 - March 24 - Educator of Color Recruitment Event
 - April 19 - Mental Health Event
 - School safety committee is looking for volunteers
 - Glenda is part of the nominating committee, so please let her know if you would like to be a part of the PTACHC board for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Cultural Night Update** - Monali, Shweta & Naveen
 - March 28, 6:30-8:00 with Book Fair and GT Showcase.
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4dafab29aa8-mvms2#/>



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- 6/11 spots in cafeteria filled and 4/5 performance spots filled. Each group will have a full cafeteria table. The performances will start at 6:45.
- Monali suggested we offer the opportunity to bring food from their cultures or decorations or make & take activities. Michelle will update the sign up genius and add this opportunity in her next email to the school community.
- Monali will follow up with Ms. Mako about sound system or other needs for the performances.
- **8th Grade End of Year Update-** Mahua
 - June 6th- High School Visit Day
 - June 8th - Eighth Grade Boat Trip - Permission Slips will be sent home after spring break.
 - June 12th- The annual Brennan/Yetter Kickball Game (during the school day).
 - June 13th - Eighth Grade Closing Celebration- Join us for some fun as we say goodbye to our 8th grade students. The event will start at 12:30 pm in the front loop of the school. More details to come., but plan for food, fun, family and friends!
- **Book Fair Update-**Alicia
 - Book Fair for March 20-March 28 with setup on Mar 17 and clean up on Mar 29
 - March 28, 6:30-8:00 pm evening hours with GT Creative Works
 - A Likely Story to provided flyers promoting book fair last week; promotion of book fair began
 - Still have a handful of spots open. PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45A9A82EA0FA7-2023>
- **Science Olympiad Team-** Ami Gadhia
 - We'd like to share the results from our Regional Science Olympiad competition held this past Saturday, March 4th, at the Richard Montgomery High School. This was our first in-person Regional since 2019. There was much excitement and collegiality at the event and it was a terrific reminder as to why we love science!
 - We took 2 teams to this day-long event, and competed against 25 teams from 16 other schools across Maryland. The format for the competition is as follows. Each team could compete in up to 23 events, and up to 2 students could take the test for each event (up to 3 students for Codebusters and Experimental Design). The events cover topics in biology, chemistry, physics and engineering. Medals were awarded to students that placed 1st-3rd and ribbons were given to those that placed 4th-6th within each league (the schools were divided into two leagues). The top 6 schools overall were awarded trophies.



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- Our students did well, and we would like to commend them for their hard work this year. We're pleased to announce that our Varsity team was awarded a 5th place trophy and that our school qualified for the State Competition on Saturday, April 22, 2023.
- Our Varsity student teams (B19) won 8 1st-6th awards, and our Junior Varsity student teams (B20) won 5 1st-6th. The names of the students, their event, and finish are given below. --->

Student Team	Event	Place	Team
Nysa Savla & Sahana Ramanujam	Storm the Castle	1st	B19
David Liu & Dev Gadhia	Wheeled Vehicle	1st	B20
Paloma Jhala & Radhika Roy	Experimental Design	2nd	B20
Cynthia Tan & Maggie Fu	Write It Do It	2nd	B19
Ishita Prabodh & Veera Patel	Dynamic Planet	3rd	B20
Anvitha Gongidi & Isha Netla	Bridge	5th	B19
Ishita Prabodh & Veera Patel	Rocks and Minerals	5th	B20
Eric Ahn & Joseph Park	Sounds of Music	5th	B19
Aarush Bathineni & Abhinav Chenutula	Bridge	6th	B20
Stephanie Wei & Violet Yang	Crime Busters	6th	B19
Diyon Peiris & Rishit Guttam	Meteorology	6th	B19
Cynthia Tan & Isha Netla	Road Scholar	6th	B19
David Liu & Dev Gadhia	Roller Coaster	6th	B20

- This club is only possible with the support of Principal Moore, our sponsor Mr. Neil Wrona, the PTA, the team coaches, and the parent volunteers. We would like to extend a special thanks to them for making this possible.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Thank you for your support!



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