

Harford County Regional Association of Student Councils Executive Board Meeting—September 5th, 2018.

- I. **Call to Order.** *George Nickels, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:58. Note: HCRASC Executive Board meetings are now held in the Abingdon Wegmans food court, due to lack of space at the Bel Air Panera.*
- II. **Approval of the Agenda.** *A motion to approve the agenda passed at 7:00.*
- III. **Roll Call.** *HCRASC welcomed HCPS Superintendent Dr. Sean Bulson to the meeting. The following Executive Board members were present: Mrs. Winaker, George Nickels, Alex Rawlett, Grace Herron, Elizabeth Herron, Josh Oltarzewski, Kristina Holsapple, Navi Singh, Francesca Arkorful, Ashley Jones, Amariah Patterson, Iniyaal Raguraj, Nicholas Getz, and Casey Jenkins. The following members were not present: Sarah Goad and Hannah Lee.*
- IV. **Officers' Reports**
 - a. **2nd Vice President**—Elizabeth Herron. *Main goal for the year include is increasing middle school involvement, worked with several other HCRASC members with Tools for Schools.*
 - b. **Treasurer**—Grace Herron. *Worked on coding over the summer, helped get school supplies ready for the school year for students in need, working on setting up fundraisers, and doing monthly dining out nights.*
 - c. **1st Vice President**—Alex Rawlett. *Excited for the year; lots of ideas and ready to build off George's work last year. Main goal is communication through Remind, keeping up with the YouTube channel, Instagram, social media, and generally spreading what HCRASC is.*
 - d. **President**—George Nickels. *A lot going on, HCRASC and EHS volunteered at a Tools for Schools event, distributing supplies for elementary students, head of foundation, asked if wanted to hand out HCRASC article to elementary parents and make people aware, how to involve yourself in student leadership. Met with a member of the Department of Public Works to be a speaker at the February GA meeting. NAMI representative is going to be sending a representative to a GA meeting. Planning to have the School Issues Forum at the 2nd GA meeting, more dates for Prince of Peace church. Became a certified MASC trainer.*
- V. **SMOB Report**—Josh Oltarzewski. *Been very busy, many things happening: most importantly, Dr. Bulson sworn in as Superintendent. So far the biggest thing discussed at board meetings is the Capital Improvement Program. There is concern over whether state funding is going to be available for certain projects, so there may be a shuffle in priorities. Home Access Center has been introduced for student and parent access to schedules and grades. Central office doesn't seem to understand how Edline was used to communicate other things through school websites. Schools are having difficulties communicating how to access the new school websites. Finally, Christian Walker from CMW, is creating a Harford Student Support Group, allowing students to get resources to students concerning mental health and how to deal with stress.*
- VI. **Staff Reports**
 - a. **Charitable Activities Coordinators**—Navi Singh, Francesca Arkorful and Kristina Holsapple. *Tools for School w/ HCEF went well. Also worked with Habitat for Humanity, helped build a house. Got to see one of the families move in. about 20 volunteers total. Great turnout for the HCRASC. Plans for the future: more build days, we need to decide on our main charity. A charity HCRASC could work with called LASOS helps people be able to get help they need if they do not speak English.*
 - i. **Possible Charity Organizations:** *Rotary Club, LASOS, NAMI Harford.*
 - b. **Historians**—Ashley Jones and Amariah Patterson. *Working on making more videos and taking more photos and spreading the word about HCRASC, also organizing the photos*

taken and our social media presence. Plan on sending some of HCRASC's work to be displayed on HCPS home page, in addition to updating HCRASC page on the HCPS website. There's been interest in making some kind of "How to get into HCRASC" video, showing people how to get involved.

- c. **Secretary**—Nicholas Getz. Been working on preparing for these meetings. Main goal for the year is improving minutes and creating some kind of "At-a-Glance" sheet for school SGA's to show at meetings to get the word out about HCRASC. My main job as Secretary is simply taking notes and working with the rest of the Executive Board in any capacity needed, in addition to recording.
- d. **Green Team**—Casey. HCRASC throws a lot of paper in the trash at our meetings, so we should work to reduce that, by recycling paper agendas and having digital copies available for use if GA members can.

VII. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **2018-19 Calendar.** President George Nickels and Advisor Mrs. Winaker reviewed the finalized 2018-19 HCRASC Calendar. No changes made.

VIII. **New Business.**

- a. **Introduction of Dr. Sean Bulson.** To begin Dr. Bulson asked EB: "What is the purpose of HCRASC?" Answers: Creating student leaders, connecting schools together, fostering community involvement also. bridging the gap between schools. inspiring kids to make change now and in the future, creating a common community among Harford County students. Since he's arrived, he has been engaged in an entry plan, listening to students and school officials across the county. Things he wants us to think about and work on together: how to bring up the reputation of all of our schools without putting anyone down individually? How do you come together around certain issues? His main goal is to gain an understanding of our positions as students about HCPS's priorities and its budget.
- b. **School Issues Forum.** President George Nickels discussed the possibility of hosting a forum with Dr. Bulson and either members of the Board or the Administration.
- c. **Constructive Group Discussion.** The Executive Board's discussion centered around ideas for growing communication/interaction between schools and working on the School Issues Forum with Dr. Bulson. Details to come.

IX. **Announcements.** Advisor Mrs. Winaker wished the Executive Board a great year and is excited to be back working with HCRASC.

X. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.