

September 11, 2018 Minutes
York High School PTSA General Membership Meeting
York High School – Yorker Room

In Attendance

Officers and Chairs:

President - Natalie Perry
Treasurer - Teri Ford
Membership - Kate Foley, Nicole Braun,
Diane Rosenthal
Senior Picnic - Jen Rosenberg
Teacher Appreciation - Tammy Lee Conrardy
Scholarship - Mary Caffrey
Academic Boosters - Erin Radcliff
Recording Secretary – Laura Carollo

Guest Speakers:

York Principal - Erin Deluga
Assistant Superintendent D205 - Jim Woell

Parents:

Kristin Whitehurst
Pansy Papa
Victoria Ludkowski,
MaryAnn Manning
Farah Anwar

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes – May
 - Motion to approve: Diane / Second the motion: Teri / All approved, none opposed
3. Treasurer’s Report-
 - Young Hearts 4 Life
 - Every other year York sponsors Free EKG testing. The goal is 100% student participation. This is the 3rd year doing it. Last year 7 kids had heart issues discovered due to this program. Edward-Elmhurst Hospital does a lot of sponsoring of equipment, and 115 volunteers needed the day of event. Expenses that we are asked to cover are privacy booths for males in field house (Cost was \$1,000 last year because we were able to borrow some booth. We are not able to borrow booths this year and that cost is going to be about \$3,000. Academic Boosters are going to donate \$1400. Young Hearts 4 Life will have 60 staff/volunteers on sight that day, and we will support them by paying for their lunch. We are planning on giving \$500, but Teri asked if \$500 can be added to budget for this?. Motion to approve total donation to \$1,000: Nicole / Second: Jennifer Rosenberg / All approved, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - There was a question on the Back to School T-shirt Expense. This was approved by an online vote over the summer, and the money has been spent. The T-shirts were for the York Staff to wear on the first day of school to show unity/school spirit.
 - Approval of Budget
 - August meeting to construct budget
 - We are starting year with \$9700 surplus. \$3,000 in membership dues collected prior to 6/30 for this year. PTA then proposed sponsoring winter dance (but that is still to be decided on by York staff)
 - The loss on the sheet is due to budgeting zero donation dollars. It was stated that we always budget \$0 for donations, so then all donations are seen as a bonus. For example, cash donations for the Open House dinner ending up covering the cost, and we also had food and drink donations.
 - A question was raised regarding the spring testing counseling event expense for \$2500. This event used to be aligned with career day, but career day is not on the radar this year. If there is no career day, how do we utilize these funds? It was decided to leave it there as a placeholder. Suggestion to take the word “testing” out of the line item.

- Motion to approve budget with Young Hearts 4 Life change: Nicole / Second: Kate / all approved, none opposed, budget approved.
- Referendum donation: vote on separately after this budget approved

Treasurers Report

- heavy on income/light on expenses for now. Membership and fair share looking strong.
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4. Jim Woell, Assistant Superintendent of HR in D205

- D205 uses several school districts for growth comparison purposes, including Batavia, Barrington, St Charles, Naperville, Indian Prairie
- D205 facilities and programming are lagging behind, referendum would allow for much needed improvements
- We are looking at a student population of 1.4% over the next 3 years
- dual language at Fisher is going great! Kids are enjoying the program, and they are encouraging the community to go check it out
- Todd Schmitt is the director of buildings and grounds (came from Rockford school district), and he is working on curb appeal of schools
- “Master Facility Plan Process” referendum to be voted on 11/6 (168M+)
 - Bonds to issued in 2019, 2021, 2023
 - Every school gets addressed in some capacity, including rebuilding Lincoln (32.5M cost) and Rebuild Field (29M cost). Add air conditioning to Jackson and Jefferson, add classrooms to Bryan, Edison, and the transition center.
 - Future focused learning spaces to be added, flexible workspaces, updating technology infrastructure districtwide.
 - Improving safety and security (adding double vestibule entrances in elementary schools) and replace rigging and lighting in York High School auditorium
 - The projected tax increase to homes valued at 500k is about \$150. (\$29.80 per year per \$100,000 of home value)
 - Tax rate comparison to other districts, we fall in the middle
 - Start 1/2019 end 2025
 - Phase one - Edison and Bryan entrance
 - Phase two - Lincoln school reconstructed (students move to Edison)
 - Phase three – Field school reconstructed
 - Boundary adjustments will be made but tried to minimize the impact
 - D205 funding:
 - \$106.74M from local
 - \$9.64M from state
 - \$3.45M from federal
 - \$119.83 total
- Questions:
 - What if it doesn't pass?? What is Plan B? It will be up to the board to put back on the ballot in April or leave it off for a while, possibly use cash reserves for basic maintenance. Hoping referendum passes.
 - Would Plan B be a smaller version of Plan A? Probably, but this is really an all or nothing deal. Will have to re-evaluate and adjust plan.

- The PTSA mentioned that there will be a committee to try to get the public on board with the referendum. Information will be available online and you can sign up there, if you are interested in supporting the referendum.
www.YESfor D205.com / FB and search Say Yes for D205.

5. Principal's Report – Ms Erin DeLuga

- Thank you to PTA for awesome open house dinner and for conferences! Teachers are so appreciative for PTSA efforts.
- Thank you to Erin for Academic Boosters
- During Homecoming week, there is going to be a Centennial Celebration. Information found at <https://www.elmhurst205.org/centennialcelebration>. Homecoming game is a big attraction for alum – there will be an alumni section, Then on 9/29 there will be an open house from 10am - 2 pm inside, and from 12-3 outside there will be a BBQ. Right now, they have no idea what to expect attendance wise.
- Referendum discussion – Moyer gave presentation to York staff. At the proposed budget, the auditorium would get fixed, and potentially some improvements made to the 3rd floor, which would allow for new programming center for career pathways, life readiness, medical pathways lab (certified nursing program), vet science lab, pharmacy lab etc.
- Question on referendum was asked regarding the athletic field redevelopment for referendum: The Athletic Field was done in 2008. Field condition compared to others shows that it is worn down. Small cost for grooming. The referendum would include looking at softball fields, baseball fields, etc. Possible stadium improvements or south gym.
- Safety measures: Lunch periods tighten up, lanyards to be worn at all times, learning commons/math lab pass so that students are accounted for at all times. Trying to get more flexibility in regards to music, but food still not going to be allowed because it caused critter problems. Lunch and learns will be offered by the admin team. State of the schools: new American studies class for juniors. Encourages teachers to form meaningful relationships with students. Student centeredness, small groups, cooperative learning. How can kids report when friends need help and talk to trusted adults?
- Intruder/lockdown drills. These happened during lunch period, will be run at inopportune times because you can't plan for these types of events. Planning for 2-3 events but want to have kids and staff fully prepared for any scenario. New mentality is run, hide, fight.
- Winter dance – no report

6. President's Report –

- Council Meeting Update:
 - Referendum
 - PTAs have been requested to make a donation
 - Kirstin Boxell has yard signs for referendum
- Endorsement/Donation
 - what can be donated and how
- Newsletter – Karen wants to stop doing newsletter, she's done it for 4 years. It is monthly and supposed to come out 1 week before PTSA meeting
 - Try to promote at a freshman or sophomore social. Have a job description for this. Committees should describe what they do so that parents know who to reach out to. Send info to Natalie

7. Committee Reports Committees

- Membership
 - 605 families
 - \$12,985 of fair share donations
 - Sold 200 directories at \$10 each
- Ways & Means –
 - Amazon smile donation? Put in newsletter?

- Senior parent social tomorrow at Karen and Kevin Boyle's 7-10 pm. Additional directories getting printed and want to have senior parents purchase as it will be their last directory and they won't have online access after this year. Hoping to bring tomorrow.
- To host a social: spread by word of mouth and a spot in the newsletter / York parents FB page / Email parents through directory spot
- Other socials? Natalie and Diane offered to do Juniors social
- 10 -20 people is usual attendance

Other socials?

- Open House
 - teachers loved it and it went well.
- Teacher Conference –
 - Francesca's lined up for first day at 3:30 / Thursday lunch will be provided (Yorkys – gyros and chicken). Providing main courses only – salads, etc from Costco and potential ask for donations of money or items. Its tough to bring items because they need to come in to teacher lounge so thinking money donations would be easier logistically.
- Academic Boosters –
 - The have developed new parent resources last year such as the guidebook, and a monthly checklist broken down by grade – all are online with hyperlinks to web resources, bookmark with all web addresses for resources
 - Last Thursday regular meeting – new math department chair spoke and the notes will be posted within the next week. Principal also gave an update.
 - October 16 meeting with Ryan Doherty – Do we Combine with PTSA meeting/reschedule PTSA?
 - This is not a regularly scheduled meeting, so it needs to be promoted. Presentation on new course offerings and timelines. College board has made changes on when schools need to register for AP classes, so course selection timeline has moved up to before Christmas Break. Oct 10 used to be fall testing day with psat and msqt. Juniors will participate in the testing, but freshman and soph will be in a course selection event.
 - March 12 meeting to talk about book sales – Drew and Becks books to come in to answer questions / get parent questions prior to meeting. Month before that have tech come in and talk about chromebooks/ebooks, etc. It was requested that Ryan attend this meeting as well, and that teacher responsibility needs to be addressed.

8th grade transitions – get activities tables back into the field house. Working on making it better.

Questions were raised about the York parents Fb page: Who knows about it? Who uses it? What is it for? Basically it is used as a parent to parent resource and for some time sensitive issues. There are only 1700 people in the group, which isn't really managed: some of those are alumns, etc. So, when you look at it, a small percentage of parents are actually on the FB page. It was determined that people should go to website for all information if possible.