

Minutes
York Community High School PTSA General membership meeting
York High School – Yorker Room
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

- I Call to Order 7:01 PM, Pledge of Allegiance –In Attendance: Natalie Perry, Kate Foley, Teri Ford Casey Braun, Jen Rosenberg, Tammy Lee Conrardy, Victoria Ludkowski, Jeff Hirsch, Hilary Simonds, Rachel Olson, Kristin Whitehurst, Catherine Watson
Guest Speaker: Emily Bastedo

- II Approval of September 2018 minutes. Jen Rosenberg motioned to approve. Teri Ford seconded the motion and the minutes were approved

- III Treasurer’s Report –Teri Ford provided a Treasurer’s report through September 30, 2018. She reported nothing was outstanding.

- IV Emily Bastedo a volunteer with the referendum committee spoke about the Referendum. Some highlights: It has been 12 years since the last referendum. D205 has more than \$8530 students and that number is on the rise. Approximately 1,160 employees. The referendum will be for \$168 million. Two new buildings for Field and Lincoln and all others will receive upgrades. Specifically York would have an auditorium upgrade since it has not been upgraded since 1960. She was requesting an endorsement from the York PTSA. Teacher’s Union and Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce both supported along with several other PTSA’s. Some PTA’s chose not to bring to a vote for endorsement. Plan B if referendum does not pass would be to spend down the reserves. Only 25% of Elmhurst households have public school students so the Referendum needs support from the entire community. Questions were asked and answered and additional information can be found at the district website.

V President's Report – Natalie Perry

- a. Natalie Perry reported that she attended the PTA council meeting and there was discussion regarding the referendum and a fundraiser at Marco's Table for the referendum. Also reported that in the last seven years Elmhurst School district has added 80 teachers.
- b. Next meeting November 6, 2018

VI H Committee Reports

- a. Membership- Kate Foley reported that approximately 660 families joined and about \$1,800 individual memberships and we collected approximately \$14,000 in fair share. reported that there were no new members
- b. Ways & Means: Senior parent social raised about \$425. Junior parent social is set for November 7th at Natalie Perry's home.
- c. Academic Boosters – October 10th is Fall testing day for Juniors and Freshman and Sophomores will have a course selection day along with health and wellness sessions. On October 16th from 7-9PM at York, Ryan Doherty will discuss and explain the new and earlier course selection process for York students as well as some new courses. November 1st is the Academic Boosters meeting with a parent to parent discussion on AP and Honors courses. November 28 is 8th Grade Activity and Academic Night.
- d. Newsletter: Pansy Papa will be writing the newsletter so please make any submissions to her.
- e. Recording Secretary- York PTSA is looking for a recording secretary
- f. Teacher Conference: Tammy Lee Conrardy reported that the teachers were fed both days of conferences . People were generous donating funds through sign-up genius so there was \$180 that was not spent. Teachers really enjoyed their meals and were very appreciative. The teachers were served in the teachers' lounge this year.

- g. National Honor Society: The Ceremony will be on Thursday November 8th. Laura Maniola is organizing the reception
- h. Scholarship: no report
- i. Summer Rec Open House: no report
- j. World Language Society: no report
- k. Post Prom: no report
- l. Teacher appreciation: no report
- m. Freshman picnic: no report
- n. Testing day/challenge day: no report
- o. Senior picnic

VII . Unfinished Business: Kate Foley reported that Young Hearts for Life will be on October 18th and are still looking for volunteers. Please remind your students be tested.

VIII. New Business: There was discussion regarding whether or not the York PTSA should endorse the Referendum. Both positive and negative comments made and discussed. Motion for the York PTSA to endorse the referendum was made by Hilary Simonds and Jen Rosenberg moved to second the motion. Additional discussion had regarding written votes. Voting was done privately in writing. The motion to endorse the referendum passed.

IX. Meeting adjourned around 8:03 PM