

AGENDA  
York High School PTSA General Membership Meeting  
York High School – Yorker Room  
Monday, December 9, 2019

In attendance:

Nicole Braun, Teri Ford, Diane Rosenthal, Kate Foley, Mimi Black, Laura Carollo, Courtenae Trautmann

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Call to order 7:17

**II. Approval of November 2019 Minutes:** approved unanimously

**III. Treasurer’s Report – Teri Ford:** \$250 matching gift received, all else on track as expected. Formal winter dance is scheduled, and we are prepared to make a contribution for that – 2k is budgeted.

**IV. Principal’s Report – Erin DeLuga:** not in attendance

**V. Courtenae Trautmann – D205 School Board:**

The board is new and excited!

Thrive D205 sub-committee members: these members are teachers, social workers, fire dept, counselors, community members selected by PTA council. Courtenae is encouraging everyone who has interest to let them know as they are always willing to add a committee member at any point in time. (the committees are: academic, student services, community engagement, and start times). Three hot buttons for Courtenae – homework policy; start times (easiest way to explain is switch middle school and high school start times/end times with some tweaks here and there– hoping to implement in the next year or two); and number of AP and Honors classes that students are offered.

Board is cautious of standards-based reporting, the district is strongly interested in implementing it. Regular grades have steps along the way, standard based reporting is cumulative and can’t be determined until the end of the year. The concept can be difficult to understand, especially at the semester when the grades are 1 and 2, and the potential for a 4 isn’t possible until the end of the year. Even the teachers are having difficulty implementing the grading system. This was implemented with the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The elementary schools have been on this system for 3 or 4 years. The board is discussing doing this at the high school level as well, and is projected to be implemented for the 2022/2023 class.

**VI. President’s Report – Nicole Braun**

Council Meeting Update: "Like" Movie is going to be shown with a panel discussion likely in Feb. Survey in January, start times will be part of the survey. Less multiple choice, more open ended. Meetings in Jan to discuss Lincoln project and transition.

## **VII. Committee/VP Reports**

**1. Membership – Kate Foley and Diane Rosenthal:** 4 new members

**2. Summer Recreation Open House – Paula Ciccarone:** not present  
February 4, 6-8 PM @ York

**3. Academic Boosters – Mimi Black**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night & Day-After Q&A follow-up: helped people find rooms at 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity night. They made bookmarks with links to PTSA web resources and other resources. Would like to budget for the making the most of York English versions. They also have a ton of Spanish ones left over. Would be nice to have extras for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity night. Coffee Q and A offered to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and they had about 20 parents come who were supper appreciative.

**4. Life After York – Jenn Toffler:** Not present. Information obtained via email:  
Life After York Q&A: Parent-to-Parent Advice on College and Other Paths to Success

Date: February 24 (Mon)

Time: 7 – 9pm

Location: York Commons

Sponsors: PTSA Academic Boosters and York's College and Career Counseling Department  
Description (in case anyone in the group is not familiar w the program): Attendees will enjoy an evening of rotating roundtable discussions led by fellow York parents who will share their experience and knowledge about the college application process as well as other post high school plans. Designed for parents of sophomores and juniors, but open to all parents. Lots more info can be found on the PTSA Academic Boosters website.

Topics:

Creating the List and College Visits

Applications

Essays

Scholarships and Money Basics

Highly Selective Colleges and Universities

College Readiness and Research

Alternatives to Four-Year College (Two-Year College, Post Graduate Year, etc.)

IEPs and 504s after York

Military Service Academies/ROTC/National Guard

College Planning for Divorced Parents

New This Year: We've made some tweaks to the program, namely...

- Expanded the "Military" table to include info about "National Guard"

- Combined "Creating the List" and "College Visits"

- Expanded "Scholarships" to include general "Money Basics"

- Added a new "College Readiness and Research" table

**5. Scholarship Rep – Pansy Papa:** not present  
Currito Eat & Earn – Thursday, December 9  
Chicago Wolves fundraiser – 1/19/20 @ 3 PM

**6. Newsletter – Pansy Papa:** Nicole for Pansy no newsletter scheduled in Jan because there is no meeting in January.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

1. Updated Bylaws Vote  
vote on bylaws. Changed number of required meetings to 6. Used to have 5 VPs and we've lowered to 4. (President Elect) VP and 3 membership VPs. Teri moved to approve, seconded, all approved.

## **VIII. New Business**

*Meeting adjourned 8:11.*

Next PTSA Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 7:15 PM