

York High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting
March 8, 2021
7:00 PM via Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Welcome – Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

In Attendance: Beth Concannon, Lara Stavridis, Nicole Braun, Wendee Reedy, Jodi Pinkerton, Teri Ford, Diane Rosenthal, Mimi Black, Kimberlie Daly

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Principal's Report – Beth Concannon reporting for Dr. Bagdasarian

A. Saliva Testing

Next week high school students start attending 4 days/week, which means saliva testing will begin; kits being sent home this week; thank you to parents who helped assemble kits

B. Teaching

High school is encouraging the teachers to use a combination of synchronous and asynchronous teaching to meet the needs of students in-person and at home

C. Yard Signs

Actual cost for yard signs is \$3885; PTSA voted last month to cover \$3500 for the signs; Nicole Braun made a motion to cover the \$385 difference; seconded; approved

4. Approval of February 8, 2021 Minutes – Nicole Braun

- Nicole noted that she did change heading from “Agenda” to “Minutes”
- Teri Ford made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded; approved

5. Treasurer's Report – Lara Stavridis

Lara reported that PTSA currently has \$40,141.79; other than re-allocating \$3500 last month from Post-Prom to Senior Yard Signs, no transactions; will now allocate an additional \$385 from Post-Prom to Senior Yard Signs in accordance with today's vote

6. President's Report – Beth Concannon

A. PTA Council Meeting Update

- Beth reported that Dr. Moyer presented his report and then there were many questions!
- DuPage County still requiring 14-day quarantine, even though CDC guidelines now suggest 10 days sufficient; D205 now going to a 3-foot distance in schools

B. Superintendent Search

- Board Member Courtenae Trautmann reported that the board is proceeding quickly, has an aggressive timeline for finding new superintendent; said they received 2465 responses to the superintendent survey, including 800 student responses
- Courtenae also noted that the goal is a return to 5-days/week in-person school

C. Nominating Committee

Beth noted that we are in need of people to fill the following Executive Committee vacancies: VP Elect, Secretary and additional Membership VPs, which relate directly to the nominating committee; she also noted that we will need new newsletter chair and some additional committee chairs, as well; she is still waiting to hear from people regarding whether they plan to stick around or need a replacement

Nicole explained the role of the Nominating Committee in response to Jodi Pinkerton's question; Jodi said that she would be on the committee; ideally could use a couple more people, but she can at least get the ball rolling; Teri Ford noted that last year the Nominating Committee reached out to the middle school PTA's to drum up interest in York PTSA Executive Committee positions; can attend their meetings or just ask MS PTA presidents to mention vacancies in newsletters and at their meetings; Lara said she would make sure it gets mentioned at Sandburg since she is on PTA there; Mimi Black noted that Nominating Committee should also reach out to REACH PTA's, as well.

Nicole, Jodi and Wendee volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

7. Membership – Wendee Reedy and Diane Rosenthal reporting (Kate Foley not in attendance)

- Nothing new to report

8. Committee Reports

A. Academic Committee – Mimi Black

Drew McGuire spoke at the last AC meeting; Mimi reported that he and his team have been working tirelessly to make the year as normal as possible; Mimi got the impression that the administration/teachers hear mostly negative feedback, suggested that reaching out with positive words would be well-received; he and his team looking at different ideas for prom, recognition events, etc., things changing all the time

B. Life After York – Mimi Black reporting in absence of Jenn Toffler

Mimi said this is a great in-person event, but that Amy Thompson and Jenn Toffler did a fantastic job with the Zoom version necessitated by COVID; said there were about 140 emails that logged in, so hard to say exactly how many people, but they felt it was well-attended

C. Scholarship Rep – Teri Ford

Teri reported that the PTA Council scholarship application is live, so encourage any seniors to apply; applications due 3/12

Noted that Danielle included info in the last newsletter, and Teri has been putting it on the York Parents FB page, alternating with info about the last two scholarship fundraisers (See's Candy sale and upcoming McDonald's Eat & Earn)

Diane Rosenthal asked how many scholarships are awarded; Teri noted that they try to do multiple scholarships; Nicole thought they try and do 8-11 per year, depending upon just how much money they raise

D. Spring Testing Day – Mimi Black

Mimi gets the impression from Drew McGuire that it is not feasible to have parents help with a Spring Testing Day event this year, so she suggested that the Spring Testing Day money in the budget can be used elsewhere if needed

E. Duke Decision Day – Jodi Pinkerton

Jodi reported that she plans to meet with Amy Thompson on 3/19 to discuss options, and noted that Drew McGuire also plans to attend the meeting

She has also been in touch with one of the students who created the Duke Decision Day Instagram page last year so that they can make that happen again this year

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. New Business/Questions – none

11. Diane moved to adjourn; seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:35

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom.