

York PTSA General Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021
7:00 PM via Zoom
Minutes

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

In attendance: Beth Concannon, Lara Stavridis, Nicole Braun, Wendee Reedy, Drew McGuire, Kate Foley, Mimi Black, Casey Braun, Jodi Pinkerton, Diane Rosenthal, Teri Ford, Julie Vacko, Renee Pas, Theodotta Alexandrakis, Val Curry, Kim Daly, Danielle Bauer, Mary Seavoy, Gordon Snyder, Katerina Hickey

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Principal's Report - Drew McGuire

Start of full-day in-person school: the day went well, lunch went smoothly

Prom: May 20 @ 6:30 PM, currently no end time; food trucks will be there for 2 hours, plan to show senior video after dark (approx.. 8:15-8:30); theme is "Starry Night", will have several photo ops, photo booths, games, food trucks, raffles; would like raffles to be incorporated into Prom since no senior picnic this year – Val Curry said she will make it happen, details to be worked out (will all kids get tickets for raffles, even if they don't attend prom? Have items there for students to peruse so it's an activity for the night; can hang on to items for later pick up so kids don't have to take items with them/ carry them around, such things to consider)

May also need help with set-up and possibly some help at Prom itself (helping with food, cleaning games, etc.); Nicole Braun volunteered to be volunteer coordinator, Drew will let her know what the volunteer needs are once they figure it out

Dress: Drew has said it is formal optional; kids can dress up if they want, but doesn't want to dissuade anyone from attending if they don't have formal wear

Cost: cost to students is \$21 per person, can buy tickets on Pushcoin; total cost so far, not including decorations, is about \$24,000, so they can use some help, really trying to keep costs down for students; Nicole made a motion to allocate up to \$20,000 toward prom costs, seconded, approved.

Senior Yard Signs: will be passed out on May 3 at Duke Decision Day

Commencement: they are thinking of having commencement face masks for students, but Drew thinks he can cover that cost now that PTSA is assisting a lot with prom (monetarily); no graduation rehearsal this year

Teacher Appreciation: Drew said that Shahe does not yet know what the last day of school is going to look like so don't know whether there can be a breakfast or how any gift cards or the like might be bestowed upon teachers; he will keep PTSA posted and hopefully we can throw something together if we are able to do so

Awards/Scholarships: plan to have in-person events for Scholarship Night and for awards nights, but with limited attendance

4. Secretary – Nicole Braun

Approval of March 8, 2021 Minutes

Lara Stavridis made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded, approved.

5. Treasurer's Report - Lara Stavridis

One new member, one small matching gift donation and paid for the yard signs for seniors; still large prom expense and some smaller expenses yet to come

6. President's Report - Beth Concannon

PTA Council Meeting Update: Beth praised Michelle Huber for doing a great job with PTA Council during this challenging year

Dr. Yonke (interim superintendent) was at the meeting, but her report was short as she'd been on the job for only four days

PTA Council Scholarship received news that Foundation 205 is donating a total of \$19,000 to the scholarship fund (\$14K + \$5K from Class of 1971 for a total of \$19K), plus whatever additional money the scholarship committee raised via fundraisers throughout the year

They are adding a bilingual rep to PTA Council

Board has selected new superintendent, working out details, should be announced soon

7. Vice Presidents of Membership - Diane Rosenthal, Kate Foley, Wendee Reedy

One new member since last meeting

8. Chair Reports

•Academic Committee - Mimi Black - Great AC meeting with Shahe last week, Q & A about the return to full in-person school; Amy Thompson will be at May meeting to recap what York's seniors are doing next year; also, Jodi Pinkerton taking over Life After York event

•Newsletter – Danielle Bauer - Danielle asked whether there are summer newsletters; as-needed, but not necessarily each month; Danielle suggested making sure we thank Eren for all her translation help throughout the year (maybe as part of Teacher Appreciation); looks like Amanda Tolman will be taking over newsletter next year; Danielle will get her up to speed for next school year

•Website – Casey Braun – nothing to report

•Spring Testing Event – Mimi Black - While there is testing (tomorrow), there is no event this year (typically AC Committee hands out a little something to students, such as pencils)

•Academic/Athletic Awards Night Hospitality - Jen Baxa – not in attendance
Beth noted that these will be separate events this year to keep attendance down

•Duke Decision Day - Jodi Pinkerton - Jodi has met with Amy Thompson, has pens to hand out, and senior signs are ready to go; has 645 pens – wondered whether she should order more (there are about 711 seniors) – others agreed that was probably enough as not all will come, some won't take a pen, etc.; Jodi also created a Sign Up Genius for parent volunteers for the event, almost all are filled; Jodi also thanked the students who created the Instagram Decision Day page last year and shared info with her so it could happen again this year

•Senior Picnic - Val Curry - See notes above under Principal's Report – Val is on board with taking care of raffle event at prom in lieu of Senior Picnic

9. Unfinished Business -

Nominating Committee - Nicole Braun, Wendee Reedy, Jodi Pinkerton

Proposed slate for executive officers for 2021-2022

Nicole introduced slate for 2021-2022:

President: Beth Concannon

VP/President-Elect: Katerina Hickey

Treasurer: Lara Stavridis

Secretary: Jen Baxa

Membership VPs: Wendee Reedy, Tracey Bianchi & Julie Vacko

10. New Business

Vacant Committee Chairs - Beth Concannon - We have some open committee chair positions for next year. Thanks to those who have volunteered to return. She will include vacant positions in next newsletter

Committee Chair descriptions: Jodi Pinkerton reported that she attended the Churchville MS PTA meeting and some expressed possible interest in a committee chair position, but wondered whether there are descriptions of jobs; Jodi, Nicole & Beth will try to put together some brief descriptions

Adjourn Meeting: Kate Foley moved to adjourn, seconded, adjourned @ 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom