

York High School PTSA Meeting
November 12, 2021
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Katerina Hickey as Beth Concannon had a conflict at the beginning of the meeting. In attendance: Kristin Whitehurst, Michelle Stubblefield, Katarina Hickey, Lara Stavridis, Wendee Reedy, Beth Concannon and Stacey Roginiski.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Katarina reminded everyone there will be no meeting in Dec. Next meeting in January of 2022.
4. Principal's Report - Dr. Bagdasarian not in attendance so Katarina reported
 - a. Great success for two teams – soccer (first time ever) and cross country
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Katarina made motion to approve; Wendee seconded; Minutes approved.
6. Treasurer's Report – Lara Stavridis
 - a. Not a lot of changed, just over \$1,000 in new membership and Fair Share: still short from last year.
 - b. We should talk about taking out the line item for senior signs.
 - c. Still about \$7,000 short of goal. Consider tying ask into Giving Tuesday on Dec. 1. We could also consider asking the seniors to do some type of special fundraiser and do a bit of promotion for York PTSA and the senior signs.
7. PTA Council Meeting – Beth not able to attend this month.
 - a. York PTSA had to submit information about how we fundraise (membership/fair share and we also ask for donations for different events). We discussed that we might be able to raffle off a parking spot. Beth will talk to Shahe about this.
8. Membership
Julie Vacko reported there are 661 members as of today which is only at roughly a quarter of York families. Will keep working on it.
9. Chair Reports
 - a. Newsletter – Amanda Tolman
 - i. Deadline for submitting info to her for January newsletter is December 21st
 - b. Connections - Mimi not able to be here
 - i. Virtual 8th grade coffee this Friday
 - c. Bylaws – Hilary Simonds
 - i. Beth, Hilary and Katarina reviewed Bylaws, made some changes and sent to IL PTA
 - ii. Proposed changes were related to volunteers needs and technology
 1. Executive Board – would like to include an option in the Bylaws to have a student rep on PTSA. If approved, Beth will talk to Shahe about which

group he might recommend for support. This led to a discussion around student, teacher and School Board participation.

2. Events Chair

iii. Proposed changes will be voted on at next meeting.

d. Debrief on 8th Grade Parent Night – Kristin Whitehurst

- i. Evening was split into two halves and in the first group nobody came to the room staffed by PTSA volunteers. It was on the sheet but was not announced so there was a miscommunication. So, Kristin asked Adam to announce it and explain. As a result, they had a couple of parents come through but at the very end.
- ii. Format was not efficient in terms of what you could see.
- iii. The presentation in the auditorium was good but took a lot of time so there wasn't enough time to get through everything. The big focus was on electives. Feedback was that it was not enough time, too rushed. Some parents really wanted to focus on the core classes. Some felt it would have been nice for more structure to be able to share more content. Kristin is not sure she'll be able to give more feedback but she will reach out to Adam R.. Good idea to split up academic and activity night. It was suggested that there could have been more info on differences in Honors program versus regular track. Group was split because of Covid. Beth will share some feedback.

10. Other Business

Question on Website and Google Docs –directed Michelle Stubblefield to the website Led to a brief discussion. An announcement was made about the coffee for 8th grade parents at Zoom Connections meeting on Friday. Communication needs to go out before Friday to three middle schools so Beth reached out to Mimi to be sure.

11. Adjournment

Kristin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 and Katarina seconded.