



YORKTOWN PTA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 13, 2021

7:30 to 9:30 pm

1) Welcome and Introductions: Dana Milburn, PTA President

Ms. Milburn welcomed all to the PTA meeting and presented the agenda for the night's meeting and introduced the YHS PTA Board members.

2) Principal's Report/Q&A: Dr. Kevin Clark, Principal

Covid safety protocol was discussed and included emphasis on proper mask wearing by students, opportunity for outdoor lunch with outdoor tables, ordered in March, just being installed. A requirement for staff Covid vaccination went into place along with Covid testing for students and staff. If students and staff are vaccinated, they will not be required to be excluded from school or activities for a quarantine period following a possible exposure. If a student is out of the school and ill for an extended period, they will conduct their work asynchronously through Canvas and will be afforded flexibility.

Parents will receive weekly messages through School Talk and a Friday message from the PTA. Some information.

Dr. Clark recommended parents connect with teachers early and often along with the school counselors.

Back to School Night is on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 and will be all virtual. The parents will visit based on their student's schedules and it is from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It will start in Patriot Period which is new and improved this year. The parents will go through class periods 1 through 7 and will wrap-up at 9:00 pm.

The Safety Plan for YHS was discussed by Dr. Clark in light of the elimination of School Resource Offices in APS schools. APS has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arlington Police Department where there are required situations for APS to inform the police regarding incidents at the school. YHS has a robust security team with administrators who provide planning and security on school grounds.

Sports and Activities was addressed. The fall sports of Football, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Cheer, and Dance are underway. On Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, the school will host an activities fair for clubs to advertise their offerings. Winter sports will begin in November. There is an SGA Barbeque on Friday, September 17th, 2021, before the football game.

Homecoming is on October 8th with all three high schools scheduled for Homecoming on the same night. There will be an outdoor pep rally and an outdoor dance for Homecoming.



Dr. Clark addressed a question regarding recent teacher departures and stated that hiring a computer science teacher is challenging in this market. There is a long-term substitute in the position presently but there are some good candidates being interviewed.

Dr. Clark addressed a question concerning what would happen if a fight would break out at school without the school resource officers being present. He said the security team would disband the fight and ensure the safety of those involved. The participants would be identified, and the team would investigate to determine the details of the situation and address consequences of the fight. If needed there would be a call for medical support. Regarding the fight at school over the summer, there were no injuries, and the school resource office was not involved.

A question was asked regarding the graduation date for this year's seniors. Dr. Clark believed it was Thursday, June 16th, 2022.

Dr. Clark answered a question on how a positive Covid case would be handled if a student self-reports having Covid. He said the school nurse would identify dates when the student was in the school building. Then the individuals who were within three feet for 15 minutes or more within a 15-hour period of the student would be identified. In most cases, the students are more than 3 feet from each other in the classroom. Vaccinated individuals will not have to quarantine in the case of an exposure to a positive Covid student where there are no symptoms.

Dr. Clark was asked about the vaccination rate at school which he said was 80%. Athletes and music participants must consent to be tested which can be located at the on the YHS Website.

3) Presentation from YHS Director of Student Activities, Michael Krulfeld

Mike Krulfeld thanked the PTA for support for the Senior Picnic.

The next two weeks will be critical for the clubs at YHS. There will be 30 clubs on display during the Club Fair on September 15, 2021. The students and parents can access the Dailies which started on last Tuesday. The Dailies are posted on Canvas and available on the YHS website. Students are encouraged to start a club if there is not a club that meets their interests. Clubs ebb and flow with the student interest in the clubs. The link for the Dailies was provided during the presentation in the chat window.

There will be one play available this year where any student can audition and try out for selection. YHS will have an indoor drumline and debate team this year. All sports will be offered including wrestling.



Mike Krulfeld recommended signing up for sports alerts on the Team App which will push out information on when try outs will be happening for the sports.

Sports physicals are due by November 8th, 2021 and all athletes will need to be vaccinated to participate. There will be some possible exemptions for religious or medical reasons.

There is a back-to-school barbecue scheduled for Friday, September 17th. School yearbook pictures will be conducted during September 27th and 28th during English class.

4) Introduction of YHS PTA Board

Ms. Milburn Introduced the 2021-22 PTA Board: Kate Sheehey, Internal VP; Katrina Brubaker, External VP; Christine Shelly, Communications VP; Dan Sennott, Treasurer, and Julie Halferty, Secretary

5) Newsletter Timing, Procedures, & 2021-22 Changes

Ms. Shelly reported that, due to feedback received, the weekly Newsletter, which she produces as part of her duties, would now be distributed on Friday mornings.

6) Financial Reporting: Dan Sennott, PTA Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dan Sennott. An independent audit was conducted on August 17, 2021. The audit results were presented and voted for approval by the membership. Dan Sennott presented the overview of the budget which had a beginning balance on June 30, 2021 of \$49,109 and a balance as of this meeting of \$60,415.

Dan Sennott presented for vote and approval the proposed PTA budget for FY 2021/2022. The FY 2021/2021 proposed budget was unanimously voted in and approved by the PTA.

7) Presentation of June 2021 PTA Meeting Minutes, Julie Halferty, PTA Secretary

Julie Halferty presented PTA meeting minutes from the June 2021 meeting to the PTA for a vote and approval by the PTA. The meeting minutes were unanimously voted as approved.

8) YHS PTA 101, Info, Connection, Support, Giving Back, Community, Fun, & Friendship, PTA Board

Board members presented a brief refresher on what we do as a PTA/why we're here; some of the opportunities we offer, and an invitation to get involved, including volunteer chairs' positions still open and other chances to help, events throughout the year, joining the PTA, donating to the No-frills Fundraiser, linking Harris Teeter and Amazon accounts, and more.



9) Chairs' Introductions and Reports, PTA Committee and Event Chairs

- a. **Janet Pence, Family Network Chair:** Ms. Pence announced that the first Family Network event, "Little-Known Secrets for Paying for College," would be on October 28, and another event on college testing and admissions would be on November 10,
- b. **Lori Schimenti, SAT/ACT Prep Test Chair:** Ms. Schimenti announced the Mock ACT would be administered on October 30, both as a benefit to Sophomores and Juniors, and as a fundraiser for the Junior Class.
- c. **Senior/Graduation Party Chair, Berrin Ozbilgin; and Co-Chairs, Amber Kresse and Debbie McCrery:** Ms. Ozbilgin, Ms. Kresse, and Ms. McCrery discussed possibilities that will be offered to Seniors in an upcoming survey, including holding the party on the boat again, but also several other venues.
- d. **Mary Cantwell, Reflections Chair:** Ms. Cantwell reminded parents that the Reflections Contest theme this year is "I Will Change the World by..." and that submissions are due by October 25.
- e. **Other Chairs present** were invited to introduce themselves during time remaining.

10) YHS PTA Committee and Event Chairs and Roles Still Available, YHS PTA Board

Board members reminded attendees that several very important leadership roles are still available: Fundraising Chair(s); Hospitality Chair(s); Science Fair Liaison; and Teacher of the Year Chair.

11) Adjourn – Dana Milburn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.