



YORKTOWN PTA MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 10, 2022, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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, Dr. Kevin Clark, Principal – Discussion on Equity at Yorktown High School and Dual Enrollment Program.

Dr. Clark introduced Ms. Shari Benites, Yorktown's Coordinator of Equity and Excellence; Director of Center for Leadership and Public Service; and Coordinator of Restorative Practices. Ms. Benites also spoke on behalf of the YHS Equity Team Steering Committee: Juanice Jenkins, Kevin Clark, William Lomax, and Brian Wiltshire. She said this is the second year for the Equity Team at YHS and it has about 50 members who meet monthly to create opportunities to raise Equity awareness. They plan and execute Heritage/Diversity events monthly. The group is working in Partnership with the Langston Citizens Association. They discuss Land and Labor Acknowledgement and Student Voice.

Dr. Clark then introduced Tyrone Byrd, Director of Secondary Education, Arlington Public Schools; Ana Lily Caballero-Torres, APS/NOVA Partnership Coordinator, Arlington Public Schools; Amy Nearman, Director of Dual Enrollment, NOVA (Northern Virginia Community College); and Katie Aimone, Coordinator of Dual Enrollment, NOVA (Northern Virginia Community College). They presented Dual Enrollment class opportunities for students at Yorktown High School. There is a wealth of dual enrollment opportunities. Juniors and Seniors can take up to two classes through NOVA online. The classes are presented asynchronously and count toward an Associates Degree and are transferable. NOVA has about 70,000 students and is one of the top 5 largest community colleges in the United States. Students must select their dual enrollment classes for the spring semester of this year by Friday January 14th at 5 pm. The classes begin on February 1st, 2022. Students must have a 3.00 GPA to have the opportunity to take a dual enrollment course. Sophomores can take a dual enrollment course but only by exception and approval to make sure they are truly ready. There is presently no opportunity to attend in person on campus.

In Dr. Clark's report he welcomed students back following the winter break. He said many families are dealing with the wave of Omicron Covid. He encourages all students to have masks that fit well when coming to school. APS is planning on providing N/95 masks to all students and staff. Dr. Clark encouraged parents to submit the Qualtrics Health Screens, and have students eat lunch outdoors if possible. The school will be offering free weekly opt in Covid testing which is different from the athletic students. The athletics were paused for two



weeks and hoped to resume this Saturday. Dr. Clark referenced the APS Engage web page (<https://www.apsva.us/engage/>), where the new school calendar is being created and discussions of budget enhancements for increased teacher compensation. The goal is for Arlington to have the most competitive teacher salaries.

3) Presentation by PTA President Dana Milburn

The PTA Board is beginning work on a PTA sponsored event on Student Mental Wellness to include panel discussions. Michelle Best, YHS parent and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) support group facilitator, will be one of the speakers.

4) Financial Reporting: Dan Sennott, PTA Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dan Sennott.

Announcements and Adjourn – Dana Milburn

A reminder to link grocery and Amazon accounts. The Spirit Wear was restocked and there will be an upcoming Executive Functions Skills presentation by the PTA in January or February of 2022.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.