



## YORKTOWN PTSA MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, January 13, 2025**

**Meeting: 7:30pm**

1. Attendance: Maurine Fanguy, Rena Cutlip-Mason, Teresa Cordova, Cristina Marcus, Kevin Clark, Kristin, Frances, Jill Gaspar, Melissa M., Claire Noakes, [unidentified iphone], Stephanie Smarr, Erin Baynham, Ashley Cunningham, Amy Stitzel, Cindy Rupert, Cara Voth, Teresa Cordova
2. Welcome (Maurine Fanguy, PTSA President) and called to order at 7:33pm
3. Introductions of PTA Board and committee chairs
4. Approval of December Minutes (Rena Cutlip-Mason, Secretary)
  - Minutes approved after motion from Julie Pandya and second from Cristina Marcus
5. Principal's Update (Dr. Clark, Principal)
  - .Important date
    - i. 1/29 is end of quarter
    - ii. 1/30 - 31 are no school
    - iii. Midterm schedule are not required, but there is a schedule that teachers will follow if they are required. That is 1/23 - 29/25
    - iv. Early release on 1/15/25
    - v. No school on 1/20/25
  - If your child needs additional supports, communicate directly with the teacher. There is also math supports in the learning center in the library.
  - New cell phone policy
    - i. Students need to have their phones off bell to bell.

- ii. There is a place in the library that they can use during lunch for a quick look at their cell phones. Administrators are saying you can have about 5 minutes in the library to check your phone.
- iii. There is a medical need exception through an IEP or 504 with medical documentation.
- iv. If there is an emergency then students would be able to use their phones to notify parents.
- v. Discipline
  1. Warning
  2. Write a referral for repeated infractions to provide communication to families and layered discipline.
  3. There is no suspension in the layered discipline.
- Academic Planning
  - i. Shifting course selection from paper to electronic.
  - ii. The process will be in StudentVue starting on 2/4/25.
  - iii. The approved Program of Studies by the School Board already. It is up and you can review. This is the best way to prepare for course selection.
    1. The current Program of Studies will have the most up-to-date course offerings. See <https://catalog.apsva.us/high-school-program-of-studies>
  - iv. Parents will have review to the course request through ParentVue.
  - v. Counselors will meet with each student to go over their choices to ensure graduation.
  - vi. 1/23/25 there will be an Academic Planning meeting at Yorktown. There will Department Chairs available in the atrium that night as well.
  - vii. On 1/24/25 during school there will be an electives fair that students can explore.
  - viii. Potential budget cuts are projected. Guidance now is that any potential budget cuts won't impact student course selection. This is

because that offering a class depends on having enough students enroll in a course to run it (need 15 students to run a class). There is some dedicated funding for some higher level courses, but otherwise running a course is about student enrollment not a budget issue.

ix. If a student is taking a Career Center course, they are mostly double block scheduling. Typically you need to be in 11th or 12th grade because you need room in your schedule; also, some courses are dual enrollment and you need to be 16 for those courses. There is a bus to the Career Center to/from YHS. One concern with enrollment at the Career Center is that they are double enrollment courses, which means you need two elective choices as a back up since it is a double block.

- Winter athletic season
  - i. Double header basketball game against W-L on 1/21/25 starting at 4:45pm.
- Spring sports will start on 2/24/25. You can find more info on sports app. Physicals need to be turned in online before tryouts or the season starts. There is a free physical event at Wakefield on 1/30/25.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report (Julie Pandya, Treasurer)

- We are above our goal income, although we set a modest income goal.
- Teacher grants went out, and the hope is that with increased fundraising we can increase the teacher grant budget line item from \$8000 to \$16000, which is what the budget was last year.
- Junior class had a successful Mock SAT experience on Saturday, 1/11/25. These funds will help support their senior class experience next year.
- Question:
  - i. Has there been any discussion to use school discretionary funds with input from the PTA for certain activities when the PTSA can't cover it?

1. PTSA has had conversations with Dr. Clark about the budget and ways that the PTSA and the school can work together to cover activities.
2. The money from the school fund that are fundraised by students need to spent on students. For example, this year \$5000 was pulled from the Class of 2019 fund for weight room equipment. A plaque was put in the weight room to dedicate it to the Class of 2019. However, this was an outlier. Most student accounts don't have that much left in the accounts.
3. There is a PIP on the student activity fund on the school board site.
4. Money collected from athletic events go into a central fund at the District level and helps cover new equipment, etc.
5. Parents would like to understand the student activity budget, what has been fundraised and what the money has been spent on. This is just to get a better idea of the actual budget for transparency.
  - ii. For the last 3 years the PTA overspent their budget by \$15 - 20K each year, and there is no longer a surplus for the PTA.
  - iii. Senior send-off will be changed and will no longer be free because there is no surplus to cover it.

#### 7. President's Update (Maurine Fanguy)

- 2025-26 Executive Committee Nomination Process
  - i. .YHS PTSA needs to put a nominating committee together at least 60 days prior to the election.
  - ii. Planning to have elections in May 2025 to allow robust transition.
  - iii. Seeking to put the nominating committee by the February PTSA meeting. Interested committee members will volunteer during that PTSA meeting.
  - iv. Seeking 5 volunteers for the nominating committee.

- v. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers. There are 6 positions:
    - 1. President
    - 2. VP of internal affairs: This position is focused on activities for students.
    - 3. VP of external affairs: This position is focused on liaising with external partners, like the CCPTA.
    - 4. Treasurer
    - 5. VP of communications: This position primarily gets the newsletter and communications out for the PTSA.
    - 6. Secretary
  - o Volunteer positions needed
    - i. Spring Fling only has one parent, and the committee really needs at least one more volunteer to help organize.
      - 1. Please contact Jill Gaspar if you or someone you know can help.
  - o Technology Updates
    - i. Maurine is still working on the transition of website providers, but still plan to finish transition by end of school year.
8. Adjournment at 8:29pm. Motion by Julie Pandya with a second from Cristina Marcus. Motion passed.