JMHS PTSA General Meeting

March 9, 2026

Attendees: Liz Calvert, Andrea Kramer, Hina Mehta, Regan Morgan, Gayle Schlueter, Kara Reynolds, Lynn Collins, Chris Torregrossa, Sua Chung, Nadia Aldacushion, Monty McShane, Julian Conforti, Fern Hernberg, Katie Bitner, Angie Gutenson, Germain Lopez, Elizabeth Terry Humen

President Gayle Schlueter Called Meeting to Order at 7:01.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Andrea Kramer made a motion to accept the February meetings, which was seconded. Motion to accept the February meeting minutes passes.

Principals Report—Liz Calvert

- **Thank you** for the teacher appreciation events.
- **New resources** to support JMHS include: (1) Family of Peg Sud (former Math Department Chair who developed the first math lab in FCPS) has created an endowment that will provide JMHS with $2,000 / year. Madison is working with Educate Fairfax to distribute this and has proposed a $1,000 student scholarship and a $1,000 teacher program each year. (2) A recent Westwood Country Club Fundraiser for food insecurity will help stock pantry's through the Madison pyramid.
- April 15 will be the **Pyramid Day of Service**. Every teacher and student will be doing some kind of service project during advisory block. Students and teachers will fill out a survey with their top 3 choices of projects, and then students will be matched with a teacher. The SGA students will be going to elementary schools and help the elementary schools with their day of service. Keep a look out for the JMHS *amazon wish list* of materials for projects.
- **New vice principal** has started at Madison, Melissa Tochterman, joining Madison from Herndon High School.
- **Wings Presentations** for 9th to 11th graders are being moved to late April—before SOL testing.
- Students did a fabulous job working with administration to organize their **Walk Out**. Walk out occurred during 4th period and student stayed on campus. About 110 participants, and the event lasted about 40 minutes.
- **Boundary issues** are still be resolved. A letter went out to those impacted, and they have to respond by March 13 about their intentions. Boundary issues may impact Virginia High School League (VHSL) eligibility, and the administration is working to

prevent rising seniors from being impacted by the new AP transfer rules—which are students transferring for AP curricular reasons must take at least 3 APs in both their Junior and Senior year, and increase from current standards of 4 by the time you are a senior.

- **April 21** is now a scheduled teacher workday due to the special VA election.

Student Services Report—Tim Buckley

- **Course selections** must be submitted by Tuesday, March 17th, which is also the cut off to make any changes. After March 17th, the system will be shut down for about a month. Based on staffing, there will be many classes that are full and students submitting change requests after March 17th will likely find themselves on the waitlist.
- Towards the end of March, parents will receive a communication from the county to go into ParentVue and acknowledge their student's course selection. Parents may want to check selections before March 17th.
- Wednesday, June 18th is **Junior Focus Day** during 2nd and 4th period. All Juniors will attend a general overview on post High School planning, then attend three break out rooms based on student selection. Break out rooms include sessions on college admissions, college and career fit, medical careers, how to create a stand out resume. Information will be provided on 4 year schools, 2 year schools, and trade schools.
- **End of quarter** is March 27—right before spring break. Late assignments submitted after Spring Break will likely not be incorporated into third quarter grades.
- JMHS will be looking for volunteers during **AP testing**.

Faculty Report—Ms. Aveni

Thank you for teacher appreciation events!

Student Government Report

- The Week of March 9 is Wellness week, featuring student give aways, Seniors v. Faculty volleyball game on Thursday, and snow cones on Fridays.
- Student run SGA fundraisers include the November kid's camp, and the parent's night out (February 13).
- Other future activities include Bingo, Cookie Decorating, and Teacher/Club Superlative Awards.
- SGA has one section that is more sports focused and a second section more club focused. The club-focused section recently recognized faculty club sponsors with treats.

Treasurer's Report- Hina Mehta

Small increase in membership/donations, and 2 expenses—Science Fair and Teacher Grants for newspaper stands.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Andrea Kramer. The motion was seconded. Motion passes.

President's Report

- **Scholarships.** The application for the Making a Difference Scholarship will be posted prior to Spring Break. The Class of 1975 collected funds to provide two scholarships of $1,250 to the class of 2026, one for students moving on to higher education and a second for students moving on to trade school.
- **Triple I nominatons (for teachers)** will also be posted soon.
- **Baccalaureate** will be held on June 8 at Vienna Presbyterian Church. This is a time of reflection for graduates and their families, although all are welcome. Suggestions for faith leaders can be sent to the PTSA; the Committee will also be looking for student speakers.

Committee Reports

- **All Night Grad:** Class of 2026 Lawn Sign has been finalized. ANG will be giving away a TV for those who have purchased tickets by Spring Break.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Three more events left—April (Spring Treats); May (Teacher Appreciation Luncheon); and June (Breakfast after school gets out).

Meeting adjourned at 7:42. The next meeting is Monday, April 13 at 7.