

JMHS PTSA General Meeting--Draft

May 11, 2026

Attendees: Laila Chadwick, Paul Kendig, Ariana Massoudi, Andrea Kramer, Liz Calvert, Rebecca Felber, Hina Mehta, Regan Morgan, Gayle Schlueter, Katie Bitner, Lynn Collins, Alyssa Lehman, Kara Reynolds, Angie Gutenson, Tana Keeffe, Tim Buckley, Josephine Aveni, Jennifer Halworth

President Gayle Schlueter Called Meeting to Order at 7:03.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

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

Principals Report—Liz Calvert

- Thank you for teacher appreciation events.
- As a follow up, the [Westwood Cares Foundation](#) raised \$32,000 for the Madison Pyramid Schools at their casino night event. They would like to continue support next year, focusing on food insecurity and sports insecurity.
- The Raptor System (press seven times and every phone in the building goes off) has been tested successfully—one purposefully and twice accidentally. Parents will not necessarily be notified every time a Raptor alert happens, as it includes things like medical emergencies.
- (Liz and Tim Buckley). Madison has faced a number of challenges with the fourth period advisory block, in part because it is too long. Because the block abuts lunch, students are tempted to leave campus.

Next year, Madison will be implementing a new bell schedule with an Advisory Block (9:50-10:25) and third period Support Block (10:30-11:15) every time. [Red Days would include Period 1, Advisory, Period 3, Period 5 (with Lunch), Period 7; Black Days would include Period 2, Advisory, Period 3, Period 4 (with lunch), Period 6. Students would stay in Advisory/Warhawk Time at least one day a week, but other days it may be used as a Support Block. One potential problem is that it will be harder to make up exams with the shorter blocks.

Student Services Report—Tim Buckley

- Positive parent turn out proctoring for AP exams; Madison has given 1,000s of tests over two weeks. There has been an increase in cell phone use and trying to use AI

during exams. College Board has a two-year ban on students caught using AI from AP and SAT exams.

- FCPS is starting to discuss the amount of screen time in school, and the schools have not transitioned away from screen use since pandemic (but there are times that laptop is most appropriate).
- Students who bring their own devices to school have greater access to AI during exams (can't be locked down). Considering not allowing bring your own devices for summative assessments.
- FCPS instituting a no cell phones at lunch next year; official policy states that “students are not to be in position of their cell phone from bell to bell.” The SRR might just say “away”. This includes airbuds. County does not allow the use of cell phone hotels for liability reasons.
- Tuesday (May 19, 8:10-11:10) and Wednesday (May 20, 8:10-10:10) are SOL testing days. All students have been e-mailed with instructions as if they are taking an SOL. If students are not taking an SOL they will be assigned a study hall. SOL testing page also has a pre-arranged late arrival form, but busing and transportation will be at the normal time and late arrivals must come in Door 1.
- The Final exams will not be traditional, cumulative final exams. Instead, a final assessment and last opportunity for a replacement grade.
- Next year, Madison will be trying a new attendance check-in process in response to students coming to school, checking in, then taking 30 minutes to get to class. Teacher will get a time stamp when student checks in. May add parent e-mail at some point. Could eventually record a “cut.”

Faculty Report—Ms. Aveni

Gratitude for generosity for teacher appreciation week.

Student Government Report (Laila Chadwick, Paul Kendig, Ariana Massoudi)

- Activities fair for rising Freshman went very smoothly.
- SGA had a school field trip at Warhawk Hall for AY2026/27 planning. Planned homecoming (theme: Star Wars) (October 10), parade, pep rally.
- 6th grade pep rally, featuring students from Flint Hill and Louise Archer.
- Cookie decorating event for St. Patrick's Day.
- Prom—A Night on the Coast sold 575 tickets. Need more students to participate in spirit week. Next year's prom date is May 15.
- Upcoming event—Senior breakfast on Friday where Senior t-shirt will be distributed. Trying to find a solution to Seniors who will be taking the APES exam.

Treasurer's Report- Hina Mehta

Deposits last month include the Westwood Foundation donation to the Pantry and \$484 for testing fundraiser. Expenses included teacher grant and website renewal.

Fiscal year ends June 30; please submit outstanding receipts by June 10.

Angie Gutenson made motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. Motion passes.

President's Report

- Teacher's grant closed last month; this year the PTSA approved close to \$1,500. One more request from library, for the library end of the year party with a 100 student invitation list. Library would like to raffle off library t-shirts designed by the marketing class; has requested \$240 for 20 t-shirts.
- Gayle made a motion to moving money from the Student Activity Grants budget to the teacher grant program to fund the library request. Motion seconded. Motion passes.
- Currently Madison membership dues are \$25 for parent one, and \$10 for additional parent, teachers, and students. Gayle distributed comparison of membership dues across schools. Propose keep student, staff, and parent 2 the same at \$10.00. but increasing Parent 1 to \$30 to account for the recent increase in VA PTSA dues.

Tana Keeffe made a motion to support the proposal. Motion seconded, and passes.

Committee Reports

- 20 submissions for the Senior scholarships. Triple I nominations open through tomorrow (Tuesday May 12). Awards given at convocation.
- All Night Grad. If you have not signed up to volunteer, please do so. Raffle off box seat at graduation to those with tickets. Winner chosen next week. Also in need of prizes and Food/Drink supplies.
- Angie Gutenson—Teacher appreciation breakfast. Morning after last day of school breakfast will be fully catered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.