

**Minutes of the James Madison High School PTSA
Monday, April 9, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

In attendance: Timothy Buckley, Betsy Boswell Fusca, Monica Anshel, Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn, Rossanna Ciuncido-Carney, Stephanie Schubring, Beth Eachus, Nancy Socher, Shelly Koshuta, Marcy Davidson, Krel Krol, Patty Shields, Jenny Thompson, Pam Styles, Gracie Fevchter, Braden Holt, Adam Rozzoli, Justin Hu, Cathy Wasilewski, Ellen MacGregor

Call to Order and Welcome – Betsy Boswell Fusca

II. Approval of Previous Minutes -

The March minutes were presented by Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn. Marcy Davidson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Beth Eachus seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. Principal Report

Timothy Buckley reported on behalf of Principal Hood. He thanked the PTSA for funding the Deeper Learning Conference held in San Diego. Eight staff members from Madison attended and brought ideas back which are being shared with Madison faculty.

Mr. Buckley said another walk-out against gun violence in schools would be held on April 20. Students will be allowed to participate; however, any absences will be unexcused. He mentioned that the Maple Ave. sign is almost done and should be installed soon.

IV. Student Services – Timothy Buckley

Mr. Buckley announced that schedules for next year will go out on Thurs. April 12. He encouraged parents to look closely at the classes their students have chosen as switching once the school year has started in the fall will be difficult. Report cards will go out on April 23 and grades will be posted on SIS on April 20.

Madison is looking for families to host Chinese students next year over spring break. More information will follow.

Mr. Buckley explained that Celebrations of Learning would take place at the end of the year. This is in lieu of a final exam for students who have received an A or A- each of the four quarters.

V. Faculty Report – Stephanie Schubring

Mrs. Schubring reported that proctors are needed for the AP exams coming up May 7- May 18. Sign-ups are available on the Madison website. She also offered suggestions for participating in the food pantry, such as getting neighbors involved.

VI. Student Report

SGA representatives announced that class elections were coming up. Other important events:

May 1 – Chipotle fundraiser

May 5 – Prom: This year's theme is Old Hollywood

May 19 – Mr. Madison

VII. President's Report – Betsy Boswell Fusca

Ms. Fusca shared a thank you note the PTSA received from a Madison art teacher who the PTSA funded to attend a conference in Pittsburgh. She also reported that the PTSA was still looking for someone to fill the 2nd VP role. This role will include setting up mock tests for SAT/ACT prep and heading up Academic Boosters.

Ms. Fusca also reported that Victoria Noyes would be recognized as outstanding volunteer by the town of Vienna on May 17. She announced that FCPS PTA Council would be hosting a safety and security program at Gatehouse Complex on April 10 at 7 p.m.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Marcy Davidson

Marcy Davidson reported that upcoming expenses would include teacher recognition and All Night Grad expenses. She said that fundraising was up for the year.

IX. Committee Reports

Academic Boosters: Beth Eachus announced that mock SAT and ACT tests will be held April 21 (SAT) and April 28 (ACT).

Athletic Boosters: Nancy Socher announced that four \$500 Warhawk Pride scholarships would be available to outstanding students who had participated in sports at Madison. Two boys and two girls will be awarded scholarships. Applications are available online at warhawksports.org. Additionally, one coach and one volunteer of the year will be honored. She added that Hall of Fame is accepting nominations. The deadline is April 20. Monday, May 21 is physical night. Cost is \$50.

All Night Grad: Patty Shields reported 177 students had registered for ANG. Donations are coming in and raffles for prizes are taking place. Volunteers are needed especially for set-up. A Sign-up Genius is available on the PTSA website. ANG start time changed to 11:30 p.m.

Triple I Awards: Monica Anshel reported that submission forms for the Triple I Awards for outstanding teachers are now available. Ten teachers will receive this award. Forms are due on May 16. Additional scholarships for outstanding seniors will be awarded. Those applications are also due on May 16.

Baccalaureate: Event will take place at the Vienna Presbyterian Church on June 7 at 6 p.m. This year's theme is "Walk Together in Justice and Mercy"

Drama: Fiddler on the Roof will be presented April 26-28. Tickets are available online.

Hospitality: There will be a Teacher Appreciation lunch on April 25. The last hospitality event of the year will be Baccalaureate.

Food Pantry: Rossana Carney reported the pantry was going well. Donations of protein meals, canned vegetables and shelf-stable milk are needed.

XI. Old Business: No news to report.

XII. New Business: The nominating slate will be voted on at the next meeting on May 14.

President: Beth Eachus

1st VP: Monical Anshel

2nd VP: Open

Secretary: Sarah Helmicki

Treasurer: Marcy Davidson

MVP International – a non-profit in Tysons that oversees international sports for underprivileged kids is holding a sports gear drive. Drop off dates are 4/29 and 5/28.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.