

**Minutes of the James Madison High School PTSA  
Monday, March 12, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**In attendance:** Greg Hood, Timothy Buckley, Betsy Boswell Fusca, Monica Ansel, Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn, Kebra Krol, Chris Lande, Monica Cramer, Ellen MacGregor, Barb Heider, Beth Eachus, Marcy Davidson, Sylvia Martin Estes, Naomi Hutchins, Naama Ende Yager, Michelle Kang, Cathy Wasilewski, Nancy Socher, Patty Shields

**Call to Order and Welcome – Betsy Boswell Fusca**

**II. Approval of Previous Minutes -**

The February 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 - Greg Hood**

Principal Hood discussed safety and security measures that FCPS and Madison have in place. He explained new procedures that have gone into effect as a result of the events in Parkland, FL. He added that FCPS will continue to engage in exercises with local police and fire departments to ensure safety at all FCPS schools. Mr. Hood reported that Madison students would have the opportunity to participate in the national “walk out” if they chose to do so.

**IV. Student Services – Timothy Buckley**

Mr. Buckley announced a speaker from the county would join Tony Thomas for a presentation on March 19 regarding the dangers of vaping and jewelry. Junior College Planning Night will be held on March 21. A senior assembly regarding the dangers of college drinking will be held during Warhawk Time on March 21. Mr. Buckley also reported that course registration for next year is done. He encouraged parents to look at their student’s choices and make any changes now as there will be limited opportunities for changes once the school year starts in the fall.

**V. Faculty Report –**

Mr. Hood reported for Mrs. Schubring thanking the PTSA for the Starts Treats in January. A special thank you to Kebra Krol for all of her hard work this year.

**VI. Student Report**

SGA representatives announced that class officer interest meeting will be held after school on March 13. Mr. Madison will be on May 19.

**VII. President’s Report – Betsy Boswell Fusca**

Ms. Fusca reported that nominations for next year’s PTSA were still needed as well as a PTSA nominating chair. Committees needed are: hospitality; fundraising for Ethics Day; and Food Bank volunteers. She also indicated that Madison has an opportunity through Vienna Presbyterian Church to assist with packaging meals on May 12. The program needs both financial support and volunteers.

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report – Marcy Davidson**

Marcy Davidson reported a few additional member donations had come in. PTSA received \$3800 from the SAT/ACT mock testing that took place in February. Expenses included treats for the Stars hospitality event for teachers and the year-end awards

## **IX. Committee Reports**

Academic Boosters: Beth Eachus announced that mock SAT and ACT tests will be held in April. Due to the success of these events, she recommended giving an additional \$1000 for teacher development.

Athletic Boosters: Nancy Socher announced that Casino Night was very successful and thanked Mr. Buckley for serving as the auctioneer. She reported that the first week of spring sports games was underway. Each team will have a youth night to encourage Vienna youth to come out to games free with a paying parent. Ms. Socher added that four \$500 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.

All Night Grad: Patty Shields reported that raffles would be coming up to build excitement and encourage ticket sales. Volunteers are especially needed for set-up as senior parents will be at graduation.

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"

Parent Programs: Next program on the dangers of vaping and jewelery will be held on March 19

Band Boosters: The band will be receiving its National Blue Ribbon award on March 19. State assessments will be held March 16-17

Choral Boosters: State Chorus Assessments will be held this week.

Orchestra Boosters: Orchestra's State Assessments have been rescheduled for Chamber Orchestra. Additionally orchestra students will be attending a free concert at the Kennedy Center followed by a cruise on the Potomac.

Drama: Fiddler on the Roof will be presented April 26-28.

Hospitality: There will be a Teacher Appreciation lunch in April.

Food Pantry: Rossana Carney reported the pantry was going well. Donations are needed on a regular basis. Items always needed are shelf stable milk and Hormel meals.

**XI. Old Business:** No news to report.

**XII. New Business:** The next meeting will be on Monday, April 9

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.