

**Minutes of the James Madison High School PTSA
Monday, November 13, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

In attendance: Betsy Boswell Fusca, Greg Hood, Beth Eachus, Marcy Davidson, Monica Ansel, Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn, Patty Shields, Maureen Allen, Michelle Kang, Marjorie Veiga, , Ellen MacGregor, Shelly Koshuta, Jenny Thompson, Rossana Carney, Nancy Socher, Barbara Heider, Amanda Norton, Kebra Krol, Ann Kuhlkin, Sylvia Martin Estes, Terry Bachmann, Lenka Denmark, Joceline Nahigian, Ashley Anderson, Stephanie Schubring, Pam Styles, Grace Feuchter

Call to Order and Welcome – Betsy Boswell Fusca

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

The October minutes were presented. Marcy Davidson made a motion to accept the minutes. Beth Eachus seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. Principal Report - Greg Hood

Principal Hood discussed what makes a great school. Students, parents and teachers were asked for input and items most mentioned included: sense of community, safety, good teachers, variety of activities and school spirit. Mr. Hood notified the PTA that a Keep In Touch would be going out requesting nominations for the Outstanding Employee Award, an honor awarded by FCPS. This is the first step in the process in which Madison would select one staff member to be sent on as our nominee to the Madison Pyramid. Additionally, Mr. Hood discussed a one-to-one initiative being reviewed by the school board that would allow more high school students to get a computer to take home for the year for a small fee. This could happen as soon as next year.

IV. Student Services – Timothy Buckley

Mr. Buckley announced that first quarter report cards would be coming out on November 14. Students will receive a printed copy which can also be reviewed by parents on SIS. This SIS version was available online on November 10. He also announced that the Annual Wellness Week was coming up. Seniors undergo depression screening as part of the program. Sophomores will be screened in the spring. FCPS students are screened every other year for depression.

The school board is currently looking at several options for the 2018-2019 calendar. Those wishing to vote can do so on the FCPS website.

V. Faculty Report - Stephanie Schubring

Mrs. Schubring thanked the PTSA for the Nov. treats for teachers.

VI. Student Report

SGA members reported that they were sponsoring “Coin Wars” to raise money for victims of Hurricane Harvey in Houston. Additionally, the annual canned food drive is also underway.

VII. President’s Report - Betsy Boswell Fusca

Betsy Boswell Fusca announced that more PTSA volunteers were needed to run committees next year as quite a few current members have seniors this year and will be rolling off their respective

committees. She urged members to let her know names of people that might be good choices to fill positions.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Marcy Davidson

Marcy Davidson reported that she would be sending membership dues to the National PTA.

IX. Committee Reports

Hospitality: Kebra Krol thanked everyone for providing fall harvest treats. She announced that holiday treats, which include cookies, will be shared on December 6. The next date for treats will be at the Science Fair on Feb. 7.

Directory: Jenny Thompson reported that the link to the directory had been sent to all dues paying members, giving them access to this year's directory.

Parent Programs: Monica Anshel reported that the next parent program, Managing Anger and Defiance, would be held on November 15 from 7-9 pm.

All Night Grad: Patty Shields announced that the first ANG meeting was held on November 13. The majority of committee chair positions have been filled. She still needs more undergraduate parents to volunteer the night of the event. The next meeting will be before the PTA meeting in January. Online registration for ANG is already open.

Membership: PTSA has collected more than \$28,000 in dues and membership fees. This is up from last year by \$6,000. We have 781 members.

Athletic Boosters: Nancy Socher reported that Madison's football team would play South Lakes in the 2nd round of regionals. Meet the Coach night for winter sports will be held on November 14. She announced that there had been a number of college signings taking place. Casino Night will be March 9.

MAD Memos: MAD Memos is considering switching to Mail Chimp for distribution. This will be tested and determined in upcoming months.

Academic Boosters: Beth Eachus reported that we had 78 students taking the mock ACT and 72 taking the SAT. Academic Boosters has received \$3,900 in donations. The Academic Assembly honoring students with a 4.0 or above will take place on Nov. 14.

Band: The marching band received 1st place at the JMU competition for color guard and best visual. They also received a first place award at the Marine Corps Invitational. The band will host the Annual Turkey Trot race on Nov. 19. Tiny Tots performances will take place on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Drama: The fall play, Macbeth, was a success. They used a new ticketing system which went well. An interest meeting for the student directed one acts will be on Nov. 15.

X. Old Business: No news to report.

XI. New Business:

Food Pantry: Rosanna Carney and Betsy Boswell Fusca reported that Madison will be opening a food pantry. The school has cleared a room near the cafeteria to store food. A Sign-up Genius to stock the pantry will go out shortly. Gift card donations and milk crates are also needed. This program follows a model set up by Oakton High School. There will be a meeting on Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m. at Oakton to learn more about the process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.