

**Minutes of the James Madison High School PTSA
Monday, September 11, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

In attendance: Betsy Boswell Fusca, Greg Hood, Beth Eachus, Timothy Buckley, Becky Allison, Anne-Stuart Kirkhorn, Monica Anshel, Marcy Davidson, Kebra Krol, Lenka Denmark, Sandra Allen, Julie Hielen, Terry Bachmann, Shelly Koshuta, Barb Heider. Geoff Styles, Charles Hu, Jaceline Nahigian, Anh Mai, Jane Miscavage, Stephanie Schubring, Ellen macGregor, Carolyn Holden, Michelle Kang, Ann Kuhlkin, Nancy Socer, Beth Tudan, Anna Hartman, Keith Hartman, Mary Crespy, Mary Ann Resin, Maureen Allen, Rossana Carney, Lillian Ceynowa, Monica Cramer, Namomi Hutchins, Naama Ende, Sonia Suire, KimConstantine, Jenny Thompson, Amy Davison, MaryPat Julian, Patty Shields

Call to Order and Welcome – Betsy Boswell Fusca

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

III. Principal Report - Greg Hood

Principal Hood gave an update on Freshman Bridges and Flight School which went well. He thanked Mr. Buckley for his work with the program. Mr. Hood also reported on the opening events of the school year. Fall Kick-off was moved inside this year due to the heat which worked well. For the first time, students were able to get their schedules online and the school was open so students could walk their schedule before school started.

Mr. Hood shared updates regarding building improvements made over the summer, including new auditorium seats, turf field, parking lot resurfacing and moving of the visitor spots. He added that thanks to the Warhawk Boosters, the State Wall would be redone in October.

In terms of end of the year academics, Mr. Hood explained the new Wingspan program for seniors which offers an opportunity to do an internship at the end of the year. Requirements for participation include grades and attendance.

School Board updates include an activities fee of \$50 for all students participating in activities. Additional information will be out shortly. Students qualifying for free and reduced lunches will be exempt. Schools will now only pay for six AP exams. Students will be responsible for paying for any exam above six.

IV. Student Services – Timothy Buckley

Mr. Buckley reported seniors would be participating in Ethics Day on October 11 since they will not be taking the PSAT. The program, chaired by Monica Cramer, will be held at the Vienna Community Center. He announced that Senior College Night would be Sept. 14 and the upper classman lockers were ready to be assigned.

V. Faculty Report - Stephanie Schubring

Mrs. Schubring thanked the PTSA hospitality for the breakfast and Back-to-School night food. She added that SIS gradebook was now up and running.

VI. Student Report

SGA representatives reported provided information regarding Homecoming events: Homecoming Dance, Sept. 23; the pep rally on Sept. 21; and the parade at 2 pm on Sept. 22 followed by the football game.

VII. President's Report - Betsy Boswell Fusca

Betsy Boswell Fusca reported that the new website, which is guided by the county, is up and running. She indicated that PTSA was still trying to work a few things out so that the site would be less cumbersome. She also announced that the PTSA emails have been hacked and asked people to be vigilant when emailing. Mrs. Fusca thanked all of the volunteers, emphasizing that PTSA could not function without them. She added the several positions were still open if people were looking for opportunities.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Marcy Davidson

Marcy Davidson presented the proposed 2017-2018 budget. PTSA will vote to approve at the October 16 meeting. Additionally, the audit will be presented next month.

IX. Committee Reports

Hospitality: Kebra Krol thanked the parents for their help with hospitality and stated that anyone willing to help could sign up through the Sign-up Genius. The next event will be the Teacher Workday on Sept. 22.

Directory: Jenny Thompson informed PTSA that the director is now available online and can be accessed on the computer or through an app. Those paying PTSA dues will receive a username and protected password. If parents do not want their students listed, they can opt out.

Parent Programs: There will be four parent programs this year. The first, "Little Known Secrets of Paying for College" will be held on Thursday, October 24th from 7-9 p.m

Ethics Day: Monica Cramer announced that Ethics Day for seniors would be help on Oct. 11. The event has Dominion Power as a new sponsor, as well as, as support from the Optimist Club. Volunteers, including table leaders, are still needed for the event.

All Night Grad: Patty Shields explained ANG to attendees. She welcomes any new members as some committees are in need of people. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on PTSA nights. There is a webpage link on the PTSA site.

Membership: PTSA is more than \$4,000 ahead in memberships to date with \$20,472 in and 572 members. We have received \$10,470 in dues and \$10,002 in donations.

Athletic Boosters: Nancy Socher reported that football is 3-0. There was a county fair and block party to celebrate Lenny Schultz. The new turf field is in with the help of a \$225,000 donation from the Boosters. Additionally, Boosters will spend \$20,000 to update the State Wall on the front of the building. The Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Westwood Country Club on Oct. 16. She encouraged Madison parents to support the businesses who support Madison.

MAD Memos: Deadline for MAD Memos is the 25th of each month. MAD Memos will be distributed around the 1st of each month.

Superintendent Report: Ann Kuhlkin announced that the new superintendent, Dr. Scott Brabrand, will do a tour in county schools to share his plans. His goal is to develop mutual trust with stakeholders.

Academic Boosters: Beth Eachus explained that Academic Boosters pays for Academic Awards each fall, as well as, pays for teacher grants throughout the year.

Band: First competition for marching band is Sept. 23 in Herndon. On Oct. 2, the band will compete at University of Delaware in the Bands of America Competition.

Drama: The fall play, Macbeth, will be Nov. 9-11.

XI. Old Business: No news to report.

XII. New Business: Next meeting will be October 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.