

**Minutes of the James Madison High School PTSA
Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

In attendance:

Liz Calvert, Timothy Buckley, Steve Plunkett, Missy Walsh; Janine Bruhn, John Chan, Beth Eachus, Sarah Español, Kelly Henderson Hagen, Jennifer Hallworth, Alexis Cohen Gantsoudes, Rene Newman, Robin Nguyen, Jennifer O'Beirne, Ginger Piercy, Gayle Schlueter, Abby Shannon, Heba Singer, Debra Steppel, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Chris Torregrossa, Catherine Williams, Yve Zhao

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Beth Eachus

Beth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of October 11 PTSA Meeting Minutes – Beth Eachus

Beth announced that the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting had been posted on the PTSA website.

Chris Torregrossa moved to approve the minutes as presented. Alexis Cohen Gantsoudes seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes.

III. Principal's Report – Ms. Liz Calvert - Principal

Beth welcomed Ms. Calvert as our recently named new principal.

Ms. Calvert will continue Mr. Hood's updates.

Assistant Principal Search: Panel positions are available – panel will review resumés; looking for parents and student volunteers until December.

Meet the Principal: Ms. Calvert will schedule "Meet the Principal" events

Delivery of New Furniture: The new furniture is coming.

PTSA Faculty Representative: Ms. Calvert introduced Missy Walsh as the Faculty Representative.

Student Behavior: There has been an uptick of students coming to events under the influence of alcohol. Ms. Calvert wants to partner with families about this issue. Counselors and other resources are available. A letter will go out to the Madison community this week.

IV. Student Services Report – Tim Buckley

Mr. Buckley provided the following updates:

Screenings Update:

- o 11th graders just finished their mental health screenings
- o 9th graders will be at the end of this month
- o 10th and 12th graders will do their screenings in the spring

Report Cards: Electronic report cards are now available in Parentvue and Studentvue on SIS. This a "snapshot" in time. They give a true representation of where the student is at this point of the school year.

Academic Advisory: Scheduling and Planning will kick off in January 2023

AP Exams: AP exams will be done electronically here at Madison in spring 2023

Academic Awards: Academic Awards will be given out on 11/18 and 11/22. Academic Awards are given out for 4.0+ weighted GPA for the last school year for 10th-12th graders.

- o 11/18 - Sophomores
- o 11/22 – Juniors, Seniors, and National Merit Semifinalists

V. Faculty Report – Ms. Missy Walsh

Ms. Walsh will be the new faculty liaison to the PTSA. Ms. Walsh reported that our kids are in good hands. The support from administration is terrific.

VI. Student Government Report – Beth Eachus (for SGA)

Current Events:

- Canned Food Drive: Started today, November 9
- Wellness Week: Will take place in early December

VII. President's Report – Beth Eachus

JMHS Community Pantry and Outreach:

- The pantry has benefitted from collections conducted by Ms. Gottschalk's Advisory class did a personal hygiene drive and Dance and Cheer teams did a food drive.
- The JMHS Pantry is well-stocked for our upcoming Giving Day.
- Upcoming: Saturday, 11/19 is Giving Day. JMHS families can come to Madison to pick up bags of food. There is a desire to give out frozen turkeys as well – currently looking into the logistics of how to keep the turkeys frozen. We may do gift cards instead.

Giving Tree: You can find the Giving Tree sign up on FB, JMHS PTSA website, and the November Mad Memos. Collection will take place through 12/7 (the week before winter break begins).

FCPS Outstanding Employee Awards: You can find the Google form in MAD Memos and the 11/7 edition of This Week @ Madison. Nominations are due by 11/14.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Janine Bruhn

Janine presented the following report:

Treasurer activities since last report:

- The annual tax preparation for the PTSA and ANG accounts was completed by the accounting firm Turner, Leins & Gold LLC November 1st
 - Forms were sent to the IRS for processing on Nov 4th
- Completed the required third-party reconciliation of the PTSA financial records for the month of September (by Monica Cramer)
- VA PTSA compliance documentation updated for 2021-2022:
 - Submission/payment of monthly membership – September
 - 72 members were added for a total 426 as of Sept 30th
 - Uploaded the 2021 tax documentation on Nov 4th
 - Submitted the PTSA Local Unit Organizational Structure form reflecting Ms. Elizabeth Calvert as principal and Dr. Michelle Reid as Superintendent on Nov 8

Overall financial status through October 2022 (as reflected in the PTSA budget hand out):

- PTSA total income: \$20,191
- PTSA total expenses: \$5,412
- ANG total income: \$3,859
- No ANG expenses to report to date

Budget fitness as of October 2022:

- Net membership income is just shy of the 2022-2023 budget goal of \$7,700 (income is \$6,792 with 458 members as of Oct 31).
- PTSA donations have exceeded the 2022-2023 budget goal of \$7,500 with \$10,181 total to date.
- Academic Booster donations have exceeded the 2022-2023 budget goal of \$2,000 with \$2,748 total to date.

IX. Committee Reports

JMHS Food Pantry and Outreach – see the President's Report (Section VII)

Staff & Teacher Appreciation – Beth Eachus (for Dara Dirth and Angie Gutenson)

- The committee held their "Fall Treats" grab & go event on Friday, 11/11
- Next event is a coffee in December.

Membership – see the Treasurer's Report (Section VIII) for updated membership information.

Parent Programs –Gayle Schlueter

- *Parent Coffees*: This year, Parent Programs will add Parent Coffees/Get-togethers every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the evening. These are informal opportunities for parents to share information. Some Coffees will have a topic, some will just be Q&A. The first one will be on December 7 at 7pm at Panera Bread, and the topic will be College Q&A
- *Upcoming Parent Programs*: Michael McNulty, our *Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist* (SAPS), has expressed interest in coming to the next PTSA meeting to get ideas on what kind of program might be best for our community.

Academic Boosters – Abby Shannon

Currently planning for upcoming Academic Awards on November 18th and November 22nd.

All Night Grad (ANG) –Sarah Español & Jennifer Hallworth

Sarah and Jennifer gave a high-level overview of All Night Grad plans. Sarah also thanked the PTSA for the increase in the ANG budget.

Ticket sales have started for ANG 2023. Buy your tickets now!

Athletic Boosters – Beth Eachus

- Meet the Coach Night on Tuesday, November 15th
- Plug for Warhawk Ice Hockey (by Debra Steppel) – they play at SkateQuest in Reston. Check out warhawkicehockey.com for their schedule. Games are fun to watch and short.
- JMHS Football plays on Friday, 11/11, at 7pm at Madison.

Marching Band – Catherine Williams

- Marching season ended on November 5th with the JMHS Marching Band placing 1st in their group and 2nd place overall at States.
- Pep band will play at the football game on Friday, 11/11.
- *Upcoming events*:
 - Turkey Trot on November 20th – Jazz Band will play at the event and band students will support the race
 - White House Ornaments are currently for sale
 - Tiny Tots Concert – 1st weekend in December

Choir & Orchestra – Elizabeth Terry-Humen

- Choir District auditions were just completed.
- *The Snowman* on Saturday, December 10 – a big fundraiser for the choir and orchestra. Tickets are available now on myschoolbucks.com
- Orchestra District auditions will occur the week of November 14.

MAD Drama – Beth Eachus (for Sarah Lundquist)

MAD Drama first show, *Much Ado About Nothing*, will debut this week. Performances will be:

- Thursday, November 10, 7:30 PM
- Friday, November 11, 7:30 PM
- Saturday, November 12, 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the show

X. New Business

There was no new business

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The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.