

**Minutes of the James Madison High School PTSA
Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance:

Liz Calvert, Tim Buckley, Missy Walsh; Janine Bruhn, Colby Bruno, Cindy Chang, Urvi Desai, Beth Eachus, Sarah Español, Jennifer Hallworth, Paris Henderson, Tana Keeffe, Andrea Kramer, Christopher Lande, Regan Morgan, Eliza Morss, Christine Nell, Ginger Piercy, Kara Reynolds, Gayle Schlueter, Heba Singer, Angela Sorrell, Lisa Stoneman, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Chris Torregrossa, Catherine Williams.

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Beth Eachus

Beth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of May 9 PTSA Meeting Minutes – Beth Eachus, Eliza Morss

Eliza announced that the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting had been posted on the PTSA website.

Chris Lande moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Catherine Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve the May 9, 2023 meeting Minutes.

III. Principal's Report – Liz Calvert

Many thanks to the PTSA for contributing to the great school year.

Madison has had successful spring. Recent highlights include multiple sports team championships at the district, regional and state levels, and Jonah Uffelman's win at the *Cappies*, receiving *Best Comic Actor in a Male Role in a Play* for his performance in Mad Drama's *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Grading: The administrative team will hold Q&A sessions with the community over the summer.

Belonging: In the fall, the administration will begin incorporating this concept school-wide.

Training: Staff training in instructional best practices is ongoing. Training occurred on May 23 and is scheduled for August 15 as well as November. Madison and FCPS' central office are partnering in these trainings.

IV. Student Services Report – Tim Buckley

Final Grades

- Parents can see students' grades through SIS, but grades are not final until June 16
- Report cards and official transcripts will be mailed June 20
- If there are grade discrepancies, parents should contact Student Services directly
- There will be 3 counselors available at Madison over the summer.

2023-24 Course Selection: Students and parents should check the selected courses. If changes are needed/wanted, those requests must be made immediately. Changes requested now are difficult but still possible to achieve. Course change requests made in August are unlikely to work out.

Eliza Morss complimented Ms. Calvert and Mr. Buckley on Graduation and Beth Eachus on the PTSA's Baccalaureate service.

V. Faculty Report – Missy Walsh

Nothing to report; the staff is looking forward to the new school year!

VI. Student Government Report – Beth Eachus (on behalf of the SGA representatives)

Dates to note for 2023-24

- County Fair: August 31
- Homecoming: September 29
- Homecoming Dance: September 30

VII. President's Report – Beth Eachus, Gayle Schlueter

Special Olympics Feet Meet

This was a very successful event with 100+ special education athletes from all over county participating as well as 50+ volunteers from JMHS. This first-ever event was enjoyed by everyone; was free to JMHS to host; and we hope to hold one again next year.

Triple III Awards – Gayle Schlueter

The teachers receiving the PTSA's *Triple III Awards* were announced at Convocation on June 1. Each honoree will receive \$250 and a *Triple III Award* lanyard. The teachers honored this year are:

Sydney Carr	James McNabb
Loveisa Clark	Susan Moy
Matt Dunn	Kathleen Newman
Jennifer Ives	Christina Palo
Marc Lebendig	Michaela Wolf

Above & Beyond Award – Gayle Schlueter

This year's honoree is the Special Ed WAT Program. This team of teachers developed a baking program and *MadGrow Inc.* with their students to teach them marketable life skills. The award was announced at Convocation. Each teacher will receive \$250 and an *Above & Beyond Award* lanyard.

Jennifer Auzenne
Matt Calvert
Amy Makrigiorgos
Katarina Sibay

PTSA Making a Difference Scholarships – Gayle Schlueter

This year's three scholarship winners were announced at Convocation. Each honoree is a graduating senior and receives a \$1,000 scholarship which will be paid to the school they plan to attend in the fall.

Laura Kagaju
Hannah Nguyen
Hannah Petersen

2023 Martin Romeo Scholarship – Beth Eachus

This graduating senior honoree is selected by music and science departments, and the award was announced at Convocation. The award is a \$1,500 scholarship, and this year's honoree is **Breanna Rizzoli**.

2023 Faculty Award – Beth Eachus

The graduating senior receiving this award is selected by the JMHS Faculty. The award was announced at Graduation on June 6, and this year's honoree is **Kevin Chadwick, Jr.** The award is a \$1,000 scholarship.

Baccalaureate Service – Beth Eachus

This nonsectarian service is sponsored by the PTSA and is held annually the night before Graduation. This year it took place on June 5 at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Madison's Madrigals and a string quartet performed. Approximately 70 seniors and their families attended to hear inspiring words from ten speakers – adults and fellow students – who represented a broad range of the Madison community's faith traditions.

JMHS Pantry and Outreach – Beth Eachus

- The Pantry has become so successful that the PTSA will create a separate bank account for its funds.
- The Madison community's need for the Pantry continues to grow, with changes in SNAP benefits prompting that need.
- Summer plans: Every 3 weeks there will be a Giving Day when families are invited to gather supplies from the Pantry
- The Pantry will partner with Vienna Presbyterian Church's Bags of Love program
- For those wishing to donate, donation dates will be included in the PTSA's future newsletters. It was suggested this information be included on JMHS' homepage and in the information sent to families of rising freshmen.

Senior Parent Recognition – Beth Eachus

Beth ended her report by recognizing and thanking for their service every PTSA volunteer present who was "graduating" from Madison.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Janine Bruhn

Janine distributed for the group's review a handout entitled *PTSA and ANG Budget Detail as of June 11, 2023*.

As of June 11

- **\$41,051 = total PTSA available funds**
 - \$12,417 = estimated remaining expenses
 - \$16,000 = proposed PTSA gift allocation (to be approved by vote)
 - \$5,500 – Mad Drama fees
 - \$5,999 – Science equipment

- \$1,700 – *Mad Grow Inc.*
- \$2,801 – Staff Development and Conferences
- \$7,171 – (2023 net) + \$5,530 (carry over from 2022) (to be approved by vote)
 - The final figure will be deposited in the new JMHS Pantry bank account
- **\$5,463 PTSA Estimated Ending Balance/Roll over for FY 2023-24**

Janine explained that as a non-profit, the PTSA should be distributing most of its funds annually. It is appropriate for the PTSA to start 2023-24 with c. \$5,500. Beth added that most PTSA fundraising income occurs August – October, so any funds required later in the year will be replenished by the time they are needed.

Chris Torregrossa motioned to allocate the JMHS Pantry funds as described. Gayle Schlueter seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Beth Eachus reviewed the proposal process for the PTSA Gift allocation and how the funding choices were made.

Gayle Schlueter motioned to approve the PTSA Gift allocation as described. Elizabeth Terry-Humen seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

All Night Grad

This year's program's expenses nearly matched its income, which is as it should be. There remains a roll-over for 2023-24.

IX. Committee Reports

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

Angie thanks the PTSA and its contributors for their support of

- May's staff luncheon
- the *MidnightTreats* cookies served to the teachers on the morning after Graduation
- Last-day-of-school staff luncheon from *The Sandwich Shop*

All Night Grad: Jennifer Hallworth & Sarah Espanol

The event on June 6-7 went very well, and the seniors enjoyed themselves! Jen and Sarah thanked everyone who volunteered and requested any feedback from graduated seniors, parents, and volunteers.

JMHS Food Pantry and Outreach – Beth Eachus

See above in *President's Report*.

Athletics – Liz Calvert

Madison's spring teams were very busy in post-season play. Congratulations to senior Simone Bergeron who won the State Championship in Tennis for the second year in a row! Madison is proud of its strong team culture, and the school community benefits greatly from the larger community's support for youth sports.

MAD Drama – Lisa Stoneman

At last night's *Cappies* at the *Kennedy Center*, Jonah Uffelman won *Best Comic Actor in a Male Role in a Play* for his performance in MAD Drama's *Much Ado About Nothing*. As a nominee, he and fellow MAD Drama students had the honor of performing a three-minute scene from *Much Ado* during the *Cappies* ceremony.

Marching Band – Catherine Williams

The Marching Band season will start on July 31.

Ms. Calvert thanked the Band for their performance during Graduation, particularly during the parade of seniors and faculty.

Choir– Beth Eachus

Choir held its Pops Concert on May 31, which was well attended.

Choir announced who has made Madrigals for 2023-24, and Ms. Rowan has set concert dates for the coming school year.

Orchestra – Elizabeth Terry-Humen

All going well.

XI. Election of 2023-24 JMHS PTSA Executive Board – Beth Eachus, Chris Torregrossa

Chris Torregrossa, speaking for the *Nominating Committee*, presented the slate of nominees:

President: Regan Morgan

Vice President: Beth Eachus

Vice President: Angela Sorrell

Treasurer: Kara Reynolds

Secretary: Tana Keeffe

Beth Eachus asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Andrea Kramer moved to accept the 2023-24 JMHS PTSA Executive Board slate as presented. Cindy Chang seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the new Executive Board was elected.

XII. New Business

There was no new business.

XIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

The first PTSA meeting of the 2023-24 school year is slated to be held on September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. This date is subject to confirmation.