

## James Madison PTSA – March Draft Minutes, 3/12/24

In attendance:

Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Catherine Williams, Sarah Lundquist, Kara Reynolds, Quentin Murray, Beth Eachus, Tim Buckley, Liz Calvert, Angela Sorrell, Tana Keeffe, Regan Morgan, Sui Ngan Au-Yeung (Sally), Chris Torregrossa

Call meeting to order: Regan Morgan 6:34 PM

Approval of February minutes: Beth Eachus First, motion seconded. Voted on, moved and adopted by Regan Morgan.

\*Principal Report: Liz Calvert

Thanks for Bundt cakes. One of the highlights of the year!

4<sup>th</sup> quarter is around the corner. The staff is working on communication for make up grades to send to parents and students. They will send a template out before Spring Break.

The office has received some calls/ feedback about the grading notifications that have gone out. Some people have shown to be sensitive about the communication around their student's attendance reports that have been sent out.

The county decided to make an exception for the play date. The drama club can now have the production on all the dates in the window it was scheduled, even the one that falls on the religious observance day.

The school ran two focus groups with students. 9<sup>th</sup> grade last week and 10<sup>th</sup> grade today, next week will be 11<sup>th</sup> grade. They have preliminary information that they have collected good data but are still waiting on the final reports. The Belonging group is running the groups. In the future they will add parents to the group.

A survey was sent to the student body with request for feedback on our grading model. It will be sent in April to get ready to adapt and change for next year. We will put off our decision on changes until the county makes their decision. Students survey is done, parents will be in April.

\*Student Services Report: Tim Buckley

Madison hired Kelly Hoffman as the long term counselor substitute for the remainder of the year. We are working on retaining her after that, but for now she is taking Ashley's case load.

Today is the last day for academic advising. 95% of the requests/selections are in. Teachers will be seeking out those that are missing. There will be meetings with the county over Spring Break and they will be building the master schedule for next year. Some of the courses will be omitted due to low enrollment - Teachers for Tomorrow is off the table. For those that enrolled in that selection, they will be reached out to about an alternate class. In this case, it is also offered as an academy class.

Staff plans to send out copies each student's course selection request form in April. Although it is available to see in the online system, not enough people go into the system to view the document. They will send a hard copy home to make sure everyone knows what they have requested.

The custodians are accepting towels for clean up. Please send in any used or through away towels you want to discard. Contact the main office for details on where to drop them off.

\*SGA: Quentin Murray

The SGA is doing a lot right now! The Junior class did the volleyball tournament. The second round will be held this coming Thursday. The two class winners play for the Championship.

Students will be helping on with activities fair for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade on Friday. Counselors will also be present.

Friday is the Senior breakfast. They will be putting hand prints on class wall and will deliver senior t-shirts.

Juniors are currently doing prom planning. The main office is accepting donations of used Prom wear. Students will be able to choose a dress or suit want to wear

Teacher Appreciation for May is being planned.

Spring AP season wellness week is being planned.

\*Treasurers report: Kara Reynolds

ANG is still collecting and beginning to spend money.

We have hit 91% of our revenue goal. We need to think about spending – 91% is good, but we are not at 100%.

A motion to accept the current Treasures report was made by Regan Morgan. Catherine Williams made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. Regan confirmed the motion was moved and seconded, Voted in and adopted.

\*Committee reports:

\*Outreach: Beth Eachus

Giving day – we will clean out the pantry and send home food over Spring Break. This Saturday we will be sharing hygiene and will continue it through the summer. We are still paired up with organizations within the community to help supply these efforts.

We will be hosting “Meet Feet” again. It is a giant field day for disabled students and they will be able to bring a buddy!

We just had our last basketball game. There were tons of volunteers and the kids loved the event.

“Be Our Guest Prom” is being hosted by Madison for kids with disabilities the Friday before Madison’s Prom. It will host students from Marshall, Madison, Oakton, Falls Church and Annandale. This is staffed by volunteers.

In the next Mad Memos see information on the teachers awards and look for opportunities for scholarships.

\*Academic boosters: Angela Sorrell

The last mock ACT exam generated \$246. That was the last one for this year and there will be more next fall.

\*ANG: Regan Morgan (on behalf of Jen Hallworth) Things are moving along well and prizes are starting to be raffled off to encourage ticket purchases, including a 32 inch TV before Spring Break and REI bike in April!

You must have a ticket to win!

We will begin the efforts for community donations – if anyone has connections to local businesses who may like to donate prizes (gift cards, electronics, food cash) to assist us, please contact Jen Hallworth. The deadline to guarantee a yard sign is March 15<sup>th</sup>. The design is fabulous and will be distributed in April.

\*Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Regan Morgan (on behalf of Angie Gutenson)

Last Friday's Stars event went smoothly, Teachers loved their bundt cakes.

Next up is Spring Treats! 100% donated snacks and treats on 4/2 (teacher workday). Sign up will be posted on Facebook later this week.

In May we have a catered Anita's taco buffet to celebrate teacher appreciation week.

In June we are working on changing plans and switching from a grab and go lunch on June 12<sup>th</sup> to breakfast on 6/13.

\*Band: Catherine Williams

Madison is hosting a two-pyramid concert and the two musician concert coming up.

We hosted the middle school band assessment, and it went well. The kids received volunteer hours. Madison may be hosting again next year.

\*Drama: Sarah Lundquist

We will be hosting a kids camp on May 3. Grades 3-6 and cost is TBD. It is an effort to get interest in the early ages for drama.

The school play Pippin is back on schedule.

\*New Business: Regan Morgan

The nominating committee was presented to the attendees of the meeting- Chris Torregrossa, Cindy Chong and Elizabeth Terry-Williams.

A motion was made by Beth Eachus to approve the three members of the nominating committee, Chris Torregrossa, Cindy Chong and Elizabeth Terry-Williams.

Motion was seconded. Regan Morgan announced that the motion was made, seconded and asked for a vote to approve. All approved. Motion was voted on and adopted.

Adjourned 6:57.

Upcoming Events:

3/19 -Band Pyramid Concert 7-8:30pm, auditorium

3/21- Jazz Night, 7-9pm, Auditorium

3/22 -End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

3/25-3/29 – Spring Break

4/1 – Student Holiday (Teacher Work Day)

4/2 – Student Holiday (Staff Development Day)

4/10 – Holiday

4/16 – PTSA Meeting 7pm, Library

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