

JMHS PTSA Meeting

Tuesday April 16

7pm

Madison High School Library

Attendees: Kara Reynolds, Andrea Kramer, Elizabeth Terry-Human, Sarah Lundquist, Angie Gutenson,

Beth Eachus, Timothy Buckley, Penelope Panzer, Liz Calbert, Regan Morgan, Ginger Piercy, Angela Sorrell

1) 7:03 Regan Morgan called the meeting to order.

2) Approval of March Meeting Minutes. Beth Eachus made a motion to accept. Andrea Kramer

seconded. Motion carried.

3) Principal's report (Liz Calvert)

a) Many things happening in the spring! Madison Pyramid Art show...E-sports Competition...

Robotics Competition...upcoming Pippin the musical

b) Grading Committee update

i) The MHS Grading Committee is looking at a number of factors related to grading and is planning survey but is wrestling with the timing of the survey. Recommendations for grading will go to Dr Reed by early May. Dr Reed will make the decision by early June. Then MHS will collect feedback from families in early June to determine the approach to grading for the 2024-2025 school year. The committee is considering the following elements to grading:

(1) Grade book type (rolling vs traditional)

(2) Grade book weighting (only assessments vs many elements such as participation,

homework etc weighing into the grade)

(3) Number of assignments in a quarter and the use of a zero as the lowest score

(4) Letter grades vs. number on 100 point scale

(5) Reassessment: should everyone be able to retake assessments up to 100 or should only those students who scored less than 80 be able to retake exams? Should there be limits on the number of reassessments?

ii) Suggestion from PTSA member to get feedback from seniors and their families now before

they start to check out of the academic mindset

c) There has been feedback that recent changes to the grading policy make it more challenging for

students to earn top grades. After looking at some data from years in the past, 84% received

As/Bs in Q3, but this year 91% received As/Bs in Q3. Given all the changes that have taken place

over the years our students continue to perform at very high levels.

4) Outreach, Awards, Scholarships (Beth Eachus)

a) Special Olympics Feet Meet—will have 200 athletes and 70 other attendees; Special Olympics

Field Day

b) Triple I—Nominate a Teacher Award, please consider sending in an application; link on the

PTSA's Facebook page

c) Making a Difference Scholarship—Need more applicants; information was sent via to the

students today

d) For Outreach the PTSA hosted a large giving day and have lots of supplies so help our community

5) Student Services Report (Tim Buckley)

a) Daily routine for Seniors will change shortly with so many activities.

b) April 27 th Prom 8-11pm at the State Theater

c) May 13-28 th Seniors will start Wings activities/projects; 95% of Seniors participating which is

indicative that Wings has become part of the culture at Madison

d) May 29 th Elementary School Walks where students return to their local elementary schools to

walk the halls and visit with past teachers in their caps and gowns

e) May 31 st Underclassman Awards

f) Exams

i) April 29-May 2 SOLs the whole week; first time SOLs are before AP exams but due to the calendar this was unavoidable

ii) May 6-10 AP Exams

iii) May 13-17 SOLs and AP Exams

iv) May 20-24 SOLs and make-up Aps

g) Course Requests

i) Many students waitlisted for Academy Classes; shortage of teachers; students are waitlisted

and the school is working for a solution; Academies have reached out to all students to let them know if they have been waitlisted; demand is up for Academy classes (across the county) especially ASL

6) Faculty Report (Penelope Panzer)

a) Thank you for all the things the PTSA does for teachers including food, yard signs, etc.

7) Treasurer's Report (Kara Reynolds)

a) Budget is going well; caught up on reconciliation; revenue has stabilized; spent 30% of our

budget to date

b) Motion to accept the April treasurer's report. Andrea Kramer made a motion to accept. Elizabeth Terry-Human seconded. Vote passed by majority vote and is adopted.

8) President's Report (Regan Morgan)

a) Band—Winter Guard

i) We are happy to announce that Winter Guard received a 1st place gold medal finish in Class 3 at the AIA Championships (Hampton Coliseum). Their show was titled I Remember and it was an amazing performance.

ii) Next Events:

(1) April 20: Solo and Ensemble Festival

(2) May 7: Night of Percussion Concert

(3) May 15: Spring Concert, 7pm at JMHS

(4) May 29: Jazz Concert - Wednesday, 7pm at Jammin' Java

b) All Night Grad Party—

i) Had a great group meet at the Vienna Community Center last week to discuss the party layout including food, decorations, entertainment, security. Lawn Signs are being distributed this week and next. The generous family of a Madison senior has donated a new REI custom-sized bike as a prize, which we will be raffling off at the end of this month. Seniors MUST have a ticket to be eligible to win! The senior Instagram and SGA Instagram have received this and are promoting ticket sales!

c) Discussion if we should live stream the next PTSA meeting on Facebook. Concern that it would

need to be one way video and not engagement with participants as that proved challenging with

partial in person and partial virtual. Concern people would not come live because of the option

to view the meeting virtually which jeopardize the quorum needed to run the meeting.

9) Committee Reports

a) Teacher/Staff Appreciation—Currently under budget.

i) May 7 th Taco Bar for teacher appreciation day. Need volunteers. Buffet coming from Anita's. Also need drinks and desserts.

ii) Morning after graduation teachers will have the opportunity to get a cookie from Insomnia

Cookies to give them a little lift when the building is a bit more empty without the Seniors in it.

iii) Morning after the last day of school will be breakfast. Need volunteers and food.

b) MADMemos--Elizabeth Terry-Human

i) If anyone needs to advertise events through MADMemos please reach out Elizabeth.

ii) Slate for 2024-2025 PTSA

(1) Vote will be next month

(2) President Regan Morgan, VPs Angela Sorrell & Beth Eachus, Secretary Tana Keefe, Treasurer Kara Reynolds

c) Mad Drama (Sarah Lundquist)

i) Pippin—Spring Musical, circus and magic theme, family friendly. May 2-4. Tickets on sale now. Link will be on Facebook page.

ii) Kids' drama camp--May 3, Pippin Themed, 8:30-2:30pm, grades 2-7 current grade. Cost is

\$60. Google form to register is on Madison Drama page.

10) No New Business

11) 7:47 meeting adjourned