

JAMES MADISON PTSA MEETING– SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: REGAN MORGAN 7:03 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Regan Morgan, Tana Keeffe, Angela Sorrell, Beth Eachus, Liz Calvert, Tim Buckley, Kara Reynolds, Laila Sulton, Angela Gutenson, Gayle Schlueter, Sarah Hornbuckle, Rob Hornbuckle, Lisa Munoz, Mahtab Tehran, Ginger Piercy, Jen Hallworth, Rosa Bertomeu, Shama Shakeel, Andrea Kramer, Lisa Kelso, Elizabeth Terry-Humen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- May minutes with edit to Reids name. Motioned and approved. Passed. Adopted.

PRINCIPAL REPORT- Liz Calvert

You Belong Here is the theme. They took the staff to see INSIDE OUT 2 and it really resonated with the staff. It helped with remembering how puberty affects kids. Coming together without work was nice.

The cell phone storage pilot was good for 2 weeks. Now some of the kids are refusing to put their phones away. Most are good with the policy. There is chatter in the school, through the hallways, that wasn't there before so Mrs. Calvert feels that it is going well. Governor Youngkin will be making a decision about whether cell phones will be allowed in school at all....Sept 18th should be the decision.

We are still working on chronic absenteeism- there is a lot of fluctuating. The target is to be below 10% for state guidelines. At Madison there is a lot of travel contributing to absenteeism. Going forward they have decided that travel will be not excused but marked as UNL or we know where the child is. UNL (not approved but school and parent know where student is not UNX (unknown).

They will start a Principal advisory comm – it will consist of students and staff. The purpose will be to build a mission statement and vision of the school that is crafted and drafted by students. They will reach out to get info from parents in Nov/ Dec period. The current mission state is 10 years old.

News story Coverage: Students set up a GO FUND ME for the custodian's new car. It was a reminder as to how generous and inclusive our community is.

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT – Tim Buckley

It has been a busy beginning to the year. Counselors are working through schedule changes. There have been over 300 changes between April to Aug, and another 220 Aug- now. We need to do a better job circling back in May to make sure all the students know what they signed up for and make sure they still want those classes. We are down one counselor from last year.

Madison is currently at 2087 students (down about 150 from pre pandemic)

Tomorrow 9 students will be informed that they are national merit scholars. National Merit semifinals can go to finals for scholarships. We typically have 25-40 commended students depending on the year.

Questions:

Does a drop in enrollment affect resources for the school? Yes -Teacher allocation (2 teachers slots have been reduced here)

Are there less counselors per student now? Yes. They had to make a decision about dividing up the case load, to add a sub or to drop students and have no assigned counselor for those dropped. One potential hire fell through when her husband's job relocation fell through. The counselors made the decision not to get a substitute and to divide up the workload for the year. They felt it would be easier on the kids and the counselors. Next year we will hire a new counselor.

FACULTY REPORT – N/A

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

Report shared: the SGA is working on Homecoming activities as well as a rescheduled County Fair. The Homecoming Parade is Friday, Sept 27th beginning at 2:00PM and the dance will be Saturday Sept 28th from 8-11 PM. The theme is In the Bayou.

TREASURERS REPORT – Kara Reynolds

Busy Summer – we closed out books in June and sent to the audit committee. We passed the audit. We had some minor suggestions about how to report net revenue and we will make those changes.

We have sent our documentation into the state PTSA and we are approved.

We have raised \$15,000 so far with membership and donations.

Motion to Approve treasurers report – Regan Morgan, Motion Jen Hallworth. Seconded Voted. Approved. Adopted.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Regan Morgan

Budget. We look at last year's budget and form a budget for the upcoming year. The upcoming budget is close to what we had last year. We will do *Home of Warhawk* yard signs again to help with extra room in the budget. We will keep the PTSA expenses similar. Staff appreciation is the biggest one. Last year it came in under budget.

We are hoping to start up Teacher Grants again this year. We have \$2500 budgeted. The pantry is spending their money down well and those funds are specifically donated for that cause.

After our main fundraising push, we will look to see if we need to reallocate any funds or revise the budget.

VOTE ON THE BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

Move to approve as written– Gail Schlueter motioned. Seconded. All approved as written. Approved. Adopted.

Victor at Vienna Vintner is giving a % back to the PTSA for his wine shop. We can pick the month. Nov was voted on and will be the month.

Jen O'beirne does the website- Please send her a note to let her know if any changes are needed.

We are still in need of a diversity chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parent programs – Beth Eachus

We partnered with our Academic Booster partner Applerouth and had 2 virtual parent programs. A Stress Free Start to the School Year and How to Support Your Senior While Writing College Essays.

Food Pantry need has grown. We have expanded to host frequent giving days throughout the summer during the week to include the weekend. Both Food and Hygiene packs are provided every 2-3 weeks. 100s of packages go out. Krista Cunningham is the liaison. She works with staff to find out the needs from our families.

During the school year, we provide weekly food pantry distributions and bigger Giving Days before longer holidays as well.

There will be a winter clothing drive that will focus on specific needs and sizes to meet the specific student needs better.

Our WAT students work in the food pantry where they do inventory, sorting, stocking and packing bags for skill building.

Families in need fluctuate between 30-100 ish. There is a list of needs in Mad memos and PTSA communication. There is also an amazon Wishlist.

Staff Appreciation; ANGIE Gutenson

We do events every month, August had 2 so we skipped Sept. Oct is smoothie surprise. Nov we get donated treats. Dec Donuts, Jan Crock pots of soup – this is very popular. Feb we put candy in the mailboxes. Mar is bundt cakes and we celebrate Real Stars of Madison. April is donated snacks. May we do the Teacher Appreciation taco bar. June we have Cookie Day after graduation to boost the mood. And the end of school year closes out with a Breakfast.

ANG – Jen Hallworth

The All Night Grad party runs 11Pm-5 AM on June 3. It is a safe night for the kids to celebrate. There are \$60 tickets right now until the end of January. Prizes will be drawn among those who buy tickets early.

June 3, 2025, is graduation. Graduation is at 10 am and the event is that night.

Elizabeth – All info is on Mad Memos. Try to spread the word and enjoy it! You can go to see pictures of staff appreciation events etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Madison is hosting a Special Olympics Soccer Tourney Oct 6th. If you want to come out and support, there will be 6/7 schools, each playing 2 games. It starts at 10 am.

BAND – Katie

The band finished Tag Day. It was successful. BREAK MY HEART is the theme this year. The first performance will be this Friday and the first competition is this Saturday. There are competitions 3 weeks in a row.

ROBOTICS - Jen Hallworth

Robotic committee has a great program for 3-6th graders to participate.

Meeting adjourned 7:59 Pm Regan Morgan

Upcoming Events:

9/27 Homecoming Parade at 2PM & Football Game

9/28 Homecoming Dance 8-11PM

10/3-10/4 Student Holiday

10/8 October PTSA Meeting at 7PM in the library

10/9 SAT/PSAT day

10/14 Student Holiday