

JMHS PTSA October 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes - FINAL

In attendance: Regan Morgan, Tana Keeffe, Angela Sorrell, Beth Eachus, Kara Reynolds, Tim Buckley, Angie Gutenson, Jyo Vallampati, Andrea Kramer, Katie Bitner, Christine Choe, Ginger Piercy, Chunrong Linda Cai, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Chris Torregrossa

Call to order: Regan Morgan 7:01

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion to approve Beth Eachus. Seconded, Moved, approved and adopted as is.

Principal's Report: Not here

Student Services Report: Tim Buckley

THE PSAT's are here. From last year's scores, 9 national merit awards and 40 students are commended. 40 is the second highest we have had.

2 weeks until the last day of the quarter ...and the last day is Halloween with a two-hour early release leading into a five-day weekend. Friday, Monday and Tuesday are teacher workdays.

We are knee deep in application season with college apps. There is a record number of applications, and of early apps this year. Some of the Southern schools have pushed up to October deadlines. Although, we may see some schools delay deadlines due to weather events in the South.

Faculty: Mrs. Vallampati

Science – Chem teacher. Thank you to PTSA for the first week of school goodies and treatment, for all of the food and special treatment. The teachers really appreciate all we do for them, it is great. And thank you for offering the Mock SATs.

SGA- Beth Eachus

In September we were primarily focused on planning Homecoming. We broke into committees and organized many different parts of the Mad in the Bayou Homecoming experience such as the pep rally, spirit week, dance, and the parade which unfortunately ended up getting cancelled due to rain. We also had the rescheduled County Fair as well as the first senior event of the year which was the Senior Tailgate.

We are now focused on our canned food drive.

Mastery Transcript: Mrs. Blankenship, English teacher and Sajid Islam, Junior student

The Madison Wings Program is a 9-12 curation, reflection and presentation of path of their growth.

The Mastery Transcript Consortium is available Junior Year. It is a national and global nonprofit membership org that helps mastery of learning. Competency-based education available to all learners. Students create the Mastery transcript or learning record w evidence of competency in core content and life skills that is shared with colleges and employers.

Mad Wings celebrating student's growth and development in course and interdisciplinary competencies.

The Juniors last year compiled the components for competency. The history at Madison for this Education process is:

2021-2023 Approval Process, Spring 2023 Students created competency components, Fall 2023 @ 15 students send MLR's, Spring 2024 Student Present re: MTC, June 2024 Students revise Competency components, Fall 2024 Invite Juniors to Start MLR @ 18 Seniors send MTLR's and students present at Aurora, June 5 2025 Juniors to present at MLR's.

More colleges are accepting a mastery transcript learner record. This is in addition to a student's regular transcript. Students will add these elements to their common app.

Madison is a leader in the country. We present and collaborate with the Aurora Institute.

We offer because being able to give evidence of your skills is a game changer for both schools and employment opportunities.

Sajid thought it was helpful to be able to add a specific essay from one of his projects as well as one of the projects he and some classmates compiled to teach some younger kids coding. He felt it spotlighted some strengths and highlights that otherwise would not stand out on a transcript.

June 5th this year parents will be invited to hear student presentations for Juniors. Currently 90 Juniors signed up.

This will all stay Wings but can add to it with MTC if choose.

FOR MORE INFO ON THIS TOPIC: See the Wings section of the Madison Website. It will have more information on WINGS and MTC or email Mrs. Blankenship.

Treasurers Report:

Period 9-6-24 to 10-7-24.

The 2024/25 Budget was edited to include “Fundraising Expenses” as an expense rather than reporting net proceeds in the “Misc” category. See report online.

Motion to accept: Regan Morgan

Chris Torregrossa motioned. Seconded. Accepted, approved as written and adopted.

Presidents report: Regan Morgan

To continue to raise money and find new avenues, the PTSA is going to offer Madison families the opportunity to spread their business by a sponsorship link.

We are focusing on how to raise general membership and increase dues income.

Pantry & Parent: Beth Eachus

The Madison pantry is currently well funded. One partner is returning, but we lost a couple of other partners. We are creating new ways to support the pantry. Power pack ideas for troops. Hygiene kits. Many ways to support through local drives.

Kicking off winter clothing drive – Bethany Slingerman one of our teachers supports the drive and is a liaison. That will be coming up soon and they have asked for our support.

Parent programs are still running. Some of the popular and successful have been “College essay support for seniors” and “How to stand out” which was focused for Juniors. Let Beth know if want to focus on any topics. In person attendance is low but the online option has been more successful.

Stress Management and Prep have also been popular topics.

Musical Day at Madison – Orchestra. On the 16th we will welcome over 500 students from across the pyramid to highlight our orchestra programs.

Madison hosted the Special Olympics Soccer Tourney – there were 8 teams, many volunteers and it was a success.

Mock SAT TESTING – Angela Sorrell

We had the Mock SAT last Saturday and it was successful. Still unsure on funds raised yet but will do another one in the SPRING.

Academic awards will be coming up.

Staff Appreciation: Angie Gutenson

This Thurs the PTSA is doing a “smoothie surprise” for the teachers and need a couple more Volunteers from 10:45am -12:00pm.

All Night Grad Party – Jen Hallworth

We have 29 tix sold already and the cost is currently \$60.

We have sold 90 yard signs. The SGA coordinates the design.

There are ongoing discussions on how to entice more ticket sales within friend groups.

Possibilities: (referral code) (discount for group sales)

New Business:

DECCA is a marketing club and on Monday they will be at Oakton High School. All of FFX County will be competing and they need judges between 1-5 PM.

Vienna Turkey trot is November 24 sign up online at racewire.com

White House ornaments are for sale at ornaments@jmhsband.org

Tiny Tots is Dec 5&6. Tell any preschool or homeschool groups you know.

Madison band pyramid night is this Thursday. 6th-8th graders will join the band for the football game.

50/50 raffle will be going during first half of football game. Show your support and have a chance to win!

Band got 2nd place in the Herndon Competition

1st place in South County Competition. Their next event is the Bands of America Competition at the University of Delaware October 19.

Fall Play for this season is “PUFFS”. Tickets go on sale at the end of the month. The weekend of the 14th-16th of November.

Adjourn: 8:01 Regan Morgan.

Upcoming Events:

10/9 SAT/ PSAT day

10/14 Student Holiday, Indigenous People’s Day

10/31 End of 1st Quarter, Early Release

11/1 Student Holiday, Diwali

11/4-11/5 Student Holiday

11/11 Student Holiday, Veterans Day

11/12 November PTSA Meeting, 7pm; library

11/27 -11/29 Thanksgiving Holiday