

## JMHS PTSA General Meeting

February 9, 2026

**Attendees:** Tim Buckley, Liz Calvert, Gayle Schlueter, Kara Reynolds, Hina Mehta, Chris Torregrossa, Helen Baucom, Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Cindy Weinberg, Lynn Collins, Angie Gutenson, Jen Hallworth, Ellie Tatro, Stephanie Allen, Elissar Murad, Will Smoot, Nick Tsibertopoulos, Regan Morgan

President Gayle Schlueter Called Meeting to Order at 7:03.

### **Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

Regan Morgan made a motion to accept the January meetings, which was seconded. Motion to accept the January meeting minutes passes.

### **Principals Report—Liz Calvert**

- **Snow Update.** Very moved by parents who removed ice off street. Although VDOT still hasn't been out, Fairfax County did try to clean up James Madison Drive/Parking Lot. The gravel lot has been cleared.
- Students were very focused last week, and tired this week due to confluence of activities that were postponed due to storm.
- **Reminder:** No such thing as a senior skip day. Typically about 25 percent of seniors are absent on these unofficial days.
- **Security:** Sensitivity on weapons detection system has increased; items that passed security before may not now. Each teacher will be given a "raptor tag;" the tag allows security to geolocate faculty in the building, and teachers can press the tag seven times to automatically call EMS. Madison sometimes calls 911 as much as 2 to 3 times per day due to medical emergencies.
- **Student walk outs:** Madison will be sending new FCPS regulations on student walk outs to parents this week. Students may engage in student walk outs before or after school, but during school would be considered an unexcused absence.
- **Get out the vote discussion:** League of Women Voters visits Madison a couple times of year, and voting discussion in Government classes.

### **Student Services Report—Tim Buckley**

- **Second Quarter Grades** now available in SIS. Mid-year transcripts for Seniors will go out this week.
- **Support Block Assignments:** Students and parents may have been notified of assigned "support block" teachers for third quarter (fourth period divided into

Advisory, Support Block, and Warhawk Time). Teachers request that a student be assigned to them, attendance is taken. Students should start going to these support blocks on Tuesday, February 10.

- **FCPS Boundary changes** passed on January 22. No Madison students will be removed, but Madison is slotted to get 128 students from Marshall. Rising 10, 11, and 12 will have the option of staying at Marshall. Madison will be hosting a curriculum night/welcome night for transferring students.
- **Updated Regulation for School Transfers:** FCPS tightening regulation for transferring for curricular reasons. Students transferring to Madison to participate in AP program but take a minimum of two honor or AP classes in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and a minimum of 3 AP classes EACH YEAR in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade (an increase from previous regulations). The county is eliminating transfer option for world languages (Latin at Madison). Requests for social and emotional transfers will be made at a county level.

### **Faculty Report**

Thank you for the teacher gifts!

### **Student Government Report**

- Family Feud won by Freshman.
- SGA will be participating in a pen pal program with a school in Kenya.
- Winter pep Rally on Feb. 20 will be Winter Olympics themed. Two pep rallies held for (1) Seniors and Freshman and (2) Sophomores and Juniors. Teachers will attend with their advisory grade. The spirit week days leading up to the pep rally include Monday: Gray Out; Tuesday: Athletic Wear; Wednesday: White Out; Thursday: Ski Out; Friday: Red, White and Blue Out. On Wednesday of the spirit week students will be participating in Rochambeau, playing rock/paper/scissors for beads.
- Friday, February 13 the Sophomore class will be hosting a Parents Night Out for fundraiser.
- Wellness week March 9-13 will include prizes, drawing lucky charms, kindness clips, student/teacher volleyball game, and lunch time snowcones.
- Applications for next year's SGA launched.

### **Treasurer's Report- Hina Mehta**

Lynn Collins made a motion to accept last month's proposal to reduce line item in budget on teacher grants from \$2,500 to \$1,500; motion seconded. The motion approved.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Angie Gutenson. The motion was seconded.  
Motion passes.

### **President's Report**

- PTSA promoting mock testing, with first one being held on Feb 28 from 9:30 to 12:30. Students can take either the SAT or ACT virtually for \$25 per test. Participants will get access to students score plus an evaluation of how you did.
- Next year, PTSA will need a new webmaster, mad memos, and membership Committee chairs.

### **Committee Reports**

- **All Night Grad.** Doubled ticket sales in January. SGA promoted. Senior sign—Class of 26 Remix.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Upcoming soup event on February 24. Please use slow cookers rather than Instapots. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, there is an easy process to become an approved FCPS volunteer, but anyone can drop off items.
- **Mad Drama.** One Acts placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **DECA** taking 250 participants to upcoming competition. Still looking for parents judges for February 21 and 23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47. The next meeting is Monday, March 9 at 7.