



YORKTOWN PTSA MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 10, 2025

Meeting: 7:30pm

1. Attendance: Maurine Fanguy, Rena Cutlip-Mason, Teresa Cordova, Cloe Chin, Cristina Marcus, Jill Gaspar, Julie Pandya, Kevin Clark, “vvvv”, Amy Stizel, Carly Rubenstein, Melissa Matthews, Sherry Haideri
2. Welcome (Maurine Fanguy, PTSA President) and introductions of PTA Board
3. Approval of January Minutes (Rena Cutlip-Mason, Secretary)
 - Minutes approved after motion from Jill Gaspar and second from Julie Pandya. Motion passed.
4. Principal’s Update (Dr. Clark, Principal)
 - Course selection process started last week. Students have CRF forms to help guide them through the process, but the process will be conducted in Studentvue. After 2/18/25 the selections are saved and then available for parents to view.
 - YHS is completing mid-year NWEA to help identify any further interventions necessary for the rest of the year to assist students.
 - In the Junior and Senior English classes, there will be special guest speakers on substance abuse and making healthy decisions.
 - Your Voice Matters survey opened up last week for students, staff, and families. It will be open through the end of the February.
 - Seniors are entering the second semester. Senior Experience applications are due in March. There is a Canvas page with examples of previous Senior Experience opportunities that can be accessed by students. Senior finals will be right after spring break. Graduation is

earlier this year, 6/4/25. 4 tickets for each family with the ability for families to ask for more tickets through an online form.

- i. APS is looking for alternative venues to DAR Constitution Hall. W&L is expecting a larger class next year, and there is discussion of possible alternatives but no decision yet.

5. ACTL update

- Social Studies Advisory Committee
 - i. Handwritten note taking training starting in the 8th grade.
 - ii. Pull some 6th grade US history curriculum and move to the 5th grade to allow for better pacing of the curriculum.
- Career and Tech Advisory Committee
 - i. Have an elementary and middle school curriculum that expands the information about careers and career awareness.
 - ii. Reserve funds for the 2027-28 for a work-based teacher position to continue
- EdTech
 - i. Discontinue devices for pre-K. Only have shared devices for K. Establish screen free time for elementary and middle schools.
- Early Childhood Advisory Committee
 - i. Work with families and communities to collect data and bridge gaps of enrolling children into pre-K.
- Student Services Advisory Committee
 - i. Every school has one full time social worker and one school psychologist.

6. Treasurer's Report (Julie Pandya, Treasurer)

- Budget is \$34350 and currently at \$40,000 with fundraising.
- Arlington Community Foundation gave the PTSA \$500 for technology. Will work with Dr. Clark to see where the school can use some better technology.
- President and Treasurer will work with the Senior Send Off committee to determine the budget and how to fundraise for it.

- PTSA will be launching another round of teacher grant opportunities for the spring.

7. President's Update

- Nominating Committee
 - i. Will need a minimum of 3 people. There is no maximum, but must be an odd number.
 - ii. Tanya Schneider and Trish Madden have said that they are willing to help.
 - iii. During the meeting Teresa Cordova volunteered. Sherry Haidera said she might help.

8. Senior Send Off update

- The Junior Class needs to be fundraising now for their Senior Send Off next year. It is too late in this school year for this Senior class to raise the funds for a boat experience.
 - i. There is now a line item in the budget for class fundraising to track to make sure it isn't for general use. Junior class has collected \$1200 for their send off next year.
- Given the challenges with fundraising, the committee is exploring other options, possibly a picnic or event attached to the check-in for the Senior Experience.
- In talking to students, there is still interest in leaving campus. The committee does have funds for buses, and will explore options. One thought is the zoo, and will continue to brainstorm.
- Sherry Haideri volunteered to join the committee.
- PTSA can support the committee if they want to charge a participation fee. The PTSA won't take cash, but will set it up for online payment. It will even allow donations for other seniors.
- Current budget is \$7500 from the school and then whatever fundraising the committee collects.
- If having an event off-campus, would like to have transportation to ensure all students can participate.

- Other ideas included bowling, Punch Bowl, or a scavenger hunt in DC.

9. Questions

- CCPTA sent out notice that there is some student activism around national politics. Students can take a civics day where they get an excused absence. The student can then organize the activity letting the administration know.

10. Adjournment at 8:25pm after motion from Jill Gaspar and second from Julie Pandya. Motion passed.