

YORKTOWN PTA MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 16, 2018 (rescheduled from Jan. 8)

7:30-8:30 p.m.

YHS Library

I. Welcome & Introductions – Kathy Mimberg, President

II. Principal's Report – Bridget Loft, Principal

III. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mimberg for Treasurer Michele Rinn

IV. Ongoing PTA items

– Advisory Council for Instruction – Martha Kopca

-- Teacher of the Year Award – KM for Elizabeth Bruington and Jennifer Helsel

Yorktown Teacher of the Year is Chrissie Wiedemann. She is an English teacher and the faculty adviser to the Yorktown Sentry newspaper class. She was chosen after the PTA committee and administration reviewed 40-50 nominations. All were read carefully and the choice was tough. She received the highest number of nominations and was even nominated by a colleague. Several students wrote lengthy essays about her. It is clear she is an excellent teacher and mentor.

– Community Read – KM or Joycelyn Harrison

Quick Community Read Update

- Author Matt de La Pena is coming to YHS on 13 March for 2 presentations for all 9-12th grades

-YHS PTA contributed \$1800

-Mexican White Boy is the Community Read

-The book MWB was assigned as a variable text for 9th grade but some teachers are reading together as a class

-125 books were bought and given to students in Minority Student achievement network

- Flying Stories is also available as an ebook. It is a compilation of short stories and one was written by Matt de la Pena.

- The library bought 125 books for MSAN, Latina Leading Ladies, and Sister Circle, and Shari Benites is distributing to students. They will be attending the author talk and we are working with Matt de la Pena's publicist to have a book signing session for a small group of students in between talks. Variable text means they don't HAVE to read it, but I have already heard from several teachers that they are reading it as a class. The library bought an additional class set of 25 books to support the ELA copies of 60, and an English teacher has borrowed it for use with

her class. Another has checked out all the library copies

- Family Network Forum – Lila Vizzard
- Graduation Boat Party – Brig Pari and Becky O’Neill

V. New PTA Business

- PTA Officer Nominating Committee
- Committee to Review YHS PTA Bylaws – Ashley Rehr will head up this committee; new bylaws need to be voted on by July 2018 which effectively means at our May meeting because it’s the last one of the year
- New Social Activities Committee – co-chairs are Amy Westhoff and Inga Middleton. Inga will take the lead on how the PTA can facilitate communications and connections among parents, and Amy will lead the effort to identify and develop some new fun and supervised activities for Yorktown students.

VI. Discussion: New YHS PTA Social Activities Committee

- Facilitating parent connections and communications
- Identifying and developing fun, supervised activities for YHS students

VII. Announcements:

- Donations needed for Science Fair Breakfast on Jan. 27

As is tradition, the PTA’s Hospitality Committee will be providing breakfast for the volunteer judges and teachers at the YHS Science Fair on Saturday, January 27, 2018. We need your help to make it a success! We will be providing breakfast to approximately 100-130 folks who are volunteering their time to help our students. Please consider donating any of the various breakfast foods described on our SignUp Genius page (see link below), including bagels, donuts, homemade baked goods, quiche, fruit and/or juice. The Hospitality Committee will take care of the coffee and paper supplies.

To sign up, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848ada92caa8-yhs2018> and indicate what you would like to contribute. Please then plan to drop off your contribution at the YHS cafeteria between 6:30 am and 6:45 am on January 27th. If you’d prefer not to get up that early on a Saturday (which is understandable), please contact Heidi Robbins at hfrobbins@me.com to make arrangements to drop your contribution off at her house before Saturday the 27th.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to contact Heidi Robbins hfrobbins@me.com, Lynn Mullins mullinz6@aol.com, Jan DeFalco jandefalco@gmail.com, or Amy Fox kwalafox00@aol.com if you have any questions about the breakfast.

- School Board will approve 2018-19 school calendar this month
- New opportunity for community input on the 2018-24 APS Strategic Plan

-- No school on Jan. 26

NEXT PTA MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 7:30 P.M.

Please join the PTA and donate to the Phantom Phling at www.YHSPTA.org