

## **YORKTOWN PTA MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

**7:00-7:45 p.m. (followed by YHS special program)**

**Patriot Hall**

### I. Welcome & Introductions – Kathy Mimberg, President

- A. PTA President Kathy Mimberg welcomed all.

### II. Principal's Report – Bridget Loft

- A. YHS Principal Bridget Loft reminded all to come see the YHS play. Mrs. Loft stated spring break is coming and that there is no homework due on day of return and the end of the quarter would be on Friday of that week.
- B. On March 14th, the national walkout day to protest gun violence, Mrs. Loft indicated that students plan to read names of 17 victims of gun violence from Parkland, Florida as well as suggest action items including writing your congressman. Expect it will last 30 minutes.
- C. Safety issues - at YHS. Unspecified threat at YHS written on bathroom stall. No idea who wrote it or if there was a plan on the threat. Worked closely with Arlington County Police. YHS students practice drills 3 times a year for fire, hurricane, active shooter. A lock down drill may be at lunch so there will be practice at knowing what to do during a lunch when more students are moving around.
- D. Yorktown web page has a student safety reporting. Allows students, parents, community to report a wide variety of issues. There have been 6 reports ranging from bullying to substances abuse.

### III. Treasurer's Report – Michele Rinn

Please see attached budget.

### IV. PTA Business

– Teacher Grants – Janet Brodnitz and Maggie Debelius, Co-Chairs

– Spring Dance, Kathy Mimberg for Chair Amy Westhoff

- A. The chairs are working to plan a spring dance for April 28th. The chairs are meeting with students for decorations ideas. Tickets are \$10 per student and need parent chaperones. A sign up genius will be sent out via the YHS PTA email list.

– Graduation Boat Party – Brig Pari and Becky O’Neill, Co-Chairs

A. Everything is proceeding on schedule with the boat party.

– Report from Nominating Committee, Janet Brodnitz

A. Nominating is still working and will report in April.

#### V. PTA Action

– Vote on Revised 2017-18 YHS PTA Budget

-- Vote on Slate of Candidates for 2018-19 YHS PTA Officers (tentative)

#### VI. Announcements:

– Community Read event on March 13 has been cancelled

-- Yorktown family in need of meals

Information was sent on the PTA Listserve so that parents may sign up to help a family in need.

Parents attending the meeting then heard about a program to be presented to students on sexual consent/harassment/assault. The program will be presented by Arlington County officials and PAVE. Teen Dating Violence Prevention for Parents. Two YHS students also attended and discussed the presentation and their involvement. Presenters: Cheryl Bozarth, LPC, NCC and Michael Swisher

NEXT PTA MEETING IS MONDAY, APRIL 16, 7:30 P.M.

Please join the PTA and donate to the Phantom Phling at [www.YHSPTA.org](http://www.YHSPTA.org)

YHS Play

Spring Break is coming

No homework on day return and end of 3rd quarter on that friday of week back

Expected walk on Wed. The 14th at 10 am. National walk out. Organized by students.....students will miss patriot period. First day of end of quarter testing.

Students plan to read names of 17 victims aloud. Action items include writing your congressmen. Expect it will last 30 minutes.

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2nd floor there is an entrance to the pool. It is not secure and the alarm is not working that great. Towards end of April there will be swipe card access and camera's. 3 security resource offices.....and will get two more. Discussion and movement on main level pool door too.

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April 28th dance. Meetin with students for decorations ideas. Tickets are \$10 per student and need parent chaperones. Send out a SUG.

Nominating Committee still working.....

Prom Dress donation

Maggie Keegan and Colleen Dugan  
Sexual assault YHS Seniors

Using slides from aps survey in 2016 - 17. 3/21 and 3/22. Counselors also available.

PAVE comes in during health class.

Project Peace .....arlington county hosted by DHS.

Teen Dating Vिलence Prevention for Parents. 12 years old.  
Cheryl Bozarth, LPC, NCC and Michael Swisher

Adopted from Ohio Domestic Violence

Slide show available??

Love is respect...

Arlington PTAs Advocate to Close APS Budget Gap

Yorktown families should be aware of the \$16 million budget gap facing APS for the 2019 fiscal year. Please see the excerpt below from an Arlington County Council of PTAs letter to the Arlington County Board. To learn more about the APS budget, please visit [www.apsva.us/budget-finance/](http://www.apsva.us/budget-finance/). You can communicate with the County Board at [countyboard@arlingtonva.us](mailto:countyboard@arlingtonva.us) and with the School Board at [school.board@apsva.us](mailto:school.board@apsva.us).

“In February, the Arlington County Council of PTAs passed a unanimous resolution calling upon the County Board to provide additional funding for schools beyond the revenue share. (see resolution below) Although we are aware this is a difficult budget year, we also have firsthand experience with the continued strain on our schools from the extensive year over year student population growth that the County has been experiencing, going on a decade at this point.

We know that for the past few years, the County has been cognizant of this, providing adequate funding beyond the revenue share reflecting our community's strong support for public education. Because of this support, our school system has been able to manage this unprecedented year over year student population growth without the further challenges of class size increases or shortchanging our teachers step increases. We ask you to take a stand to make sure that you can do so again, taking a close look at all other county expenditures in a search for budget efficiencies.”

CCPTA February 2018 Referendum:

Whereas, APS has experienced compounded and significant growth in the student population over the past decade;

Whereas, the County Board has previously fully funded a needs based APS budget above the revenue share in light of this compounded student population growth allowing APS to continue to be one of the most high quality and highly respected public education systems in both the Commonwealth of Virginia and nationwide; and

Whereas, the quality of Arlington public schools is a point of pride in our community and significantly contributes to the desirability of Arlington for all county employers and residents; Now therefore,

CCPTA resolves to encourage the County Board to provide APS additional funding above the county revenue share, to the extent may be necessary to ensure the continued high quality of Arlington's public educational program offered to our growing student population, without necessitating any increase in our maximum class size or any impairment to the regular step increase provided to APS teachers. CCPTA encourages the County Board to review the County's budget for efficiencies which may be identified to provide sources of additional funding for APS as may be needed.

Thank you for getting involved and supporting our schools, Yorktown families! Have a wonderful Spring Break!