



YORKTOWN PTA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 21, 2019 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- I. **Welcome** – Meredith Purple, PTA President
Ms. Purple welcomed all to the meeting.

- II. **Special Staff Guest Presentation** – M.D. Calabro, YHS College and Career Counselor

Mr. Calabro began the presentation with a brief overview of Yorktown Counseling's College and Career Services. These services are broken down into three main areas:

- **School counselors** – Each student will work with their counselors throughout their years at Yorktown in all areas of college and career planning. This may include academic planning, career explorations, creating college lists, developing a resume, etc.
- **Office of College and Career Services** – Mr. Calabro works in this area providing students with services such as college visits to the high school, college & career workshops, NOVA Pathway coordination, summer enrichment announcements, etc.
- **Naviance** – This is the college and career readiness software which Yorktown uses for students' college and career planning. Mr. Calabro provided an explanation as to how Naviance helps the students determine their college and career paths. He also provided various screen shots and explained how the students use each of these from an "About Me" section to a "Supermatch" section for college matches. In addition, Naviance has a college application section through which seniors will be able to send recommendation letter requests to teachers as well as monitor the status of all application items that need to be submitted to various colleges.



All of the above items can be found in further detail in the attached Power Point Presentation provided by Mr. Calabro. Also attached to these minutes is a brief video which demonstrates the many uses of Naviance.

Mr. Calabro finished his presentation with a few announcements of upcoming events such as a course planning seminar in January and hopefully, a boot camp for students on how to fill out the Common App.

III. **Principal's Report** – Bridget Loft, Principal

Ms. Purple announced Ms. Loft's promotion to APS Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. There will be a meeting next week at Yorktown to discuss the Principal search with the Interim Superintendent, Cintia Johnson and the APS Interim Superintendent for Human Resources, Dan Redding. All parents are encouraged to attend. Ms. Purple explained the process and ensured that students, teachers, and parents will have input throughout the search process. The PTA will keep all parents informed of all updates throughout the search process.

Ms. Loft began her Principal's report covering the following information:

- Thanks to all parents that contributed to the "After Back to School Night" lunch. It was greatly appreciated by all the faculty and staff!
- There will be no formal PTA meeting in November, so here are upcoming dates:
 - This week is Spirit Week
 - Friday is the Homecoming game; there will be a spirit walk and barbeque before the game.
 - Saturday night is the Homecoming dance – tickets are on sale this week during all lunch periods. The theme this year is "Hollywood".
 - Next week is the end of first quarter so there will be no block/patriot period next week.
 - November 5th is teachers' grade prep day so there is no school for students.



- Second quarter begins on November 6th.
- There will be no school on Veterans Day, November 11th.
- The Theater Department is putting on a production of “A Zombie Extravaganza” on November 14th, 15th and 16th.
- Yorktown will be holding our annual food drive during the week before Thanksgiving.

IV. Approval of September 2019 Meeting Minutes – Meredith Purple

The minutes were approved by voice vote.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Jenn Vogel, PTA Treasurer

Ms. Vogel provided copies of this year’s budget with a comparison to last year’s budget as of October. She discussed any differences and identified some upcoming expenses.

VI. Officer/Committee/Chair Reports

Ms Purple provided an update on the website issues. The PTA plans to move the payment system from PayPal to Stripe. This will give the PTA greater control and stability as PTA Officers change every two years. The plan is to switch platforms at the end of the year

Ms. Purple also provided an update on the working group for graduation night 2021 and beyond. Kick-off meetings were held, and the team has broken itself into 2 groups – survey and alternatives. Nothing will be binding; this will only be informational to identify potential alternatives to the boat party. If it is determined to keep the boat party as is, we will do that.

Th Boat Party planning for 2020 is in good shape. All committee positions are filled except for one and tickets are being sold.

The Grants Committee met a week and a half ago. Sixteen applications were submitted. If we approve all the grants that the committee is recommending, it will cover about half the budget for this year’s grants and will leave about half



the budget for the spring semester.

Ms. Sherlock discussed the upcoming Family Network event “The Secrets of Paying for College”. Close to 200 people have signed up to attend.

Ms. Rehr reported on the dates for the upcoming practice college admissions tests. Capitol City Educators will be proctoring the tests and they will be held on the following dates:

Practice ACT -- Saturday, November 23, 2019

Practice SAT – Saturday, February 8, 2020

Practice SAT Subject Tests – Saturday, April 18 2020

(Students can take up to 2 practice SAT subject tests)

VII. New Business/Parent Questions

No new business or questions were presented.

VIII. Announcements

There will not be a meeting in November. The next meeting is on December 9th.

IX. Adjourn – Meredith Purple

Ms. Purple adjourned the meeting.