



Yorktown PTA Meeting
January 11, 2021, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Informal Discussion 7:00-7:30 p.m.



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I. Welcome and Introductions:
Dana Milburn, PTA President



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AGENDA



- **Principal's Report/Q&A: Dr. Kevin Clark, Principal**
- **Approval of December 15, 2020, Meeting Minutes: Berrin Ozbilgin**
- **Financial Report: Dan Sennott, PTA Treasurer**
- **Announcements: Dana Milburn and PTA Leadership**
- **Survey Results thus far; what else should the PTA do this year for YHS students, families, and staff: events/fun/info/support: PTA Board**
- **PTA Events/Potential Events Stemming from Survey: PTA Leadership**
- **Other No-contact Ideas (Small Gift?) to Lift Kids' Spirits: PTA Leadership**
- **Adjourn: Dana Milburn**



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Principal's Report/Q&A: Dr. Kevin Clark, Principal

- Happy New Year & Thanks!
- Virtual Yorktown & Return to School Update
 - Hybrid model & Timeline
 - Return to Hybrid Town Hall Tentatively 2/3 & Orientations 2/8
- Academic Planning on Naviance-
 - Program of Studies published end of January
 - Student presentation 1/25 Patriot Period
 - Parent presentation early February
 - Counselors to work with students starting end of January
- Introduction to Mental Health Presentation - Bethany Banal, YHS Psychologist
- Academic Planning – Danielle Dessaso, YHS Counselor
- Athletics & Activities Update
- Q&A



MEETING MINUTES



Approval of December 14, 2020, Meeting Minutes:

Berrin Ozbilgin
PTA Secretary





FINANCIAL REPORT
Dan Sennott, PTA Treasurer



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Survey Results
thus far; what
additional
events, fun, info,
and support
should the PTA
provide this year
for YHS students,
families, and
staff?

PTA Board and
Members

- a. **Needs, top tier:** Stress regarding school (37), loneliness (30), mental/emotional wellness (25), uncertainty/anxiety (22), more college planning (20)
- b. **Needs, second tier:** Executive functioning (18), academic achievement in Covid-world (17), SEL (16), other organizing (15)
- c. **On-line entertainment/fun/connection, top tier:** Movie night (30), trivia night (25), discussion with professional sports figure (22), discussion with media figure (22)
- d. **Online entertainment/fun/connection, second tier:** Among Us game night (21-any ideas for other games?), discussion with our Congressman (20), chats by grade (15)



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Events/Potential Events Inspired by Survey Responses

Thanks to all of the feedback you've provide already, PTA leadership members have:

- Arranged 1/21, 7:00 p.m. **Student Mental Health: Addressing Stress, Anxiety & Depression** event through YHS Counseling/Student Services Staff, to help address top concerns from surveys so far for both students and parents/guardians.
- Begun discussing possible **executive functioning event, hopefully early February.**
- Begun work on a **substance abuse/addiction event for February** with Kim Chisholm, Mike Krulfeld, and Phoenix House (will ask Partnership for Children, Youth, & Family, too).
- Looked for and begun events for **fun and connection for our kids**, to help address loneliness many said is a problem in survey answers:
 - Held well-attended/well-received **Trivia Night over Break**; scheduled second **Trivia Night for Saturday, 1/30, 7:30 p.m.**
 - **Researched Movie Night** options and created **survey** to choose movies/best times.
 - Contacted **Congressman Don Beyer's** office to schedule a **chat with our students.**
 - Begun researching **media and professional sports figures for chats** with students -- let us know if you can **help with contacts!**
- **What else shall we provide?**
- **Who can help?**
- **Other No-contact Ideas (Small Gift?) to Lift Kids' Spirits?**



Thoughts/Input/Feedback/Ideas:

- Game based on Queen's Gambit – on-line chess game (maybe chess sets as prizes). Connect with Chess Club (Mike)
- Digital escape room activities, family-friendly and curated – need right-sized groups and chaperones
- Small box of chocolates for Valentine's Day
- Cooking event, with recipe in advance – maybe hot cocoa bombs? (Ask Teal whether she might do a video presentation?)
- “Nailed it” event – cooking show on Netflix
- Nice/fun way to teach life skills: personal finance? Others? (Sew on a button, etc. Conflict resolution, handling tough situations when you don't have an adult handy. 11th/12th – YHS grads speak on what

happens when you get to college – what do you need to be ready to deal with, daily living, how do you organize/discipline yourself to get things done, how do you handle parties, what's the fun side to make sure you take advantage of, what pitfalls should you be ready to face? Class of 2020 included with speakers – what's college like in Covid-world? Dr. Clark says YHS has had panels on this in the past.



**THANK YOU
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