



## YORKTOWN PTA MEETING AGENDA

Monday April 17 2023

Meeting: 7:30pm

I. **Welcome:** Katrina Brubaker, PTA President

II. **Approval of February Minutes:** Approved

III. **Principal's Update:** Dr. Kevin Clark, YHS Principal  
Yorktown Updates

- Thanks to the PTA for the spring grants. A lot coming up with senior events; Teacher/staff appreciation in May
- Spirit week at school - tomorrow is college and career day
- Events this week on sexual assault awareness month. Have had great student leadership on this topic. Students against sexual assault (SASA) club are doing presentation for 11th graders. Project peace promotes positive relationships and consent doing a presentation. Doorways, a local shelter for women, also doing a presentation. Arlington Co. Police Dept. and school staff will all be on panel. Seniors will be doing scenario based activities in Patriot Period supported by the counseling department. Proud of student leadership and advocacy for work in promoting culture of awareness against harassment and sexual assault. Students can understand how to stand up for each other, report incidents on sexual harassment and assault. Want all students to have awareness and know how to prevent this and how to support each other.
- Spring athletics and activities. New robotics team went to district tournament. Hope you can join us at school for some home games. As we look towards fall sports, which start August 1, participants have to have physicals done and have uploaded doctors page online for the physical for activities after July 1. (even for green days and try outs). Any physical after May 1st is good for the entire 2023 - 24 school year.
- Spring music concerts - May 16 - chorus. May 18 - spring band concert. May 23 - Jazz on the lawn. May 24 - spring orchestra concert. All in auditorium, except for jazz on the lawn.
- Transportation safety - have had several meetings with APS staff and Arlington county Project Zero staff. They have developed updates for school zone around YHS which would change speed limit to 20 MPH. Some flashing signals at arrival and dismissal times. No U turn signs on Yorktown Blvd. High visibility crosswalks/signage. 20 miles/hour

on 28th St. N, Greenbriar, St. N, Florida St., and 27th Rd. N. Information shared in newsletter and also shared by Arlington County, including map of new school zone. If any feedback, glad to take questions.

- Senior class information - have sent out info to all the senior families via school talk. All info is on website. This year's class is the biggest ever in YHS history. Will be a little tight at DAR Constitution Hall - 4 tickets for each family. Do have a way to request more but will be tight in terms of available seating.
- Senior picnic - May 19. Last day of school before senior experience. Coming up against testing period. Early May - AP testing. Late testing after that. SOLs week before memorial day. Testing in morning and then delayed start for everyone not testing. Transportation schedule is normal during that week (May 22).
- Then finals and then to graduation.

Q: Can DAR Hall be revisited as the venue for graduation?

A: Yes, student population growing. Are looking at other venues but it can be much more expensive. If do it at YHS, weather is an obvious factor. Are definitely having conversations about it. If there is a way to collect feedback, would like to hear from families. Whatever we do, it has to be an APS-wide decision.

Q: People seemed to love doing it at YHS. Can there be an option to schedule and then have a optional rain day?

A: If do it in the morning in June, chances are better that it won't rain. Happy to take feedback as look at options.

Q: DAR parking is challenging and can be expensive - can we offer ride share vouchers for families that might be facing financial hardship?

A: Can definitely give students a ride. Families can reach out to activities office to see if they can assist.

## VI. Event Notes and other items:

a. **Senior Graduation Party**- Update from Debbie McCrery, one of the co-chairs of graduation party this year. Has had 2 kids graduate YHS. This year working with Amber Kemp to do the party on evening of graduation, June 15. State Theater - was a great venue. 8:00 pm - 12:00 pm. Theme is the 80s. Have some volunteers - will sell tickets in the middle of May. Will sell at lunch and also online. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Want to get sales by May 25 so they can get a head count. Trying a new fundraiser- working with UNIQUE thrift store. If collect household items, clothes, books (get a bonus for books!) - collection day May 7. Big truck from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Get paid per pound donation. Also there will be ways to donate gift cards - will have a good prize wheel at the party. Would like to have people who don't have seniors to be the chaperones at the party so senior parents can enjoy that day. Debbie's email address is mccrery4@verizon.net.

b. **Senior Picnic, May 19** - Sebastian - senior class president. PTA traditionally provides the lawn games and entertainment for senior picnic. Would like PTA to organize sign-up list for games (cornhole, spike ball), footballs, soccer balls, etc. Also need PTA to set up fundraiser for drinks and

desserts. Also if PTA can support activities like face painting. If anyone happens to know who might have a parachute for parachute games (like from elementary school) - Katrina has the parachute that she can contribute!! (thank you, Katrina!)

**C. Movie Night- April 29-** Dana Miburn is the lead contact for this event. We will need people to help the evening of the event and donate items for the free concessions. If you have any questions, contact Dana at [dmd@rcn.com](mailto:dmd@rcn.com)

There is the sign up genius link in Friday's newsletter to help out that night.

**d. Teacher appreciation week** - May 1 - 5. Have events planned for each day. PTA will help with school breakfast, luncheon, and gift cards that you can drop at Katrina's house (will be provided in the newsletter).

**e. CCPTA-** After the March 13th Call to Action event there has been some discussions of what we can do and get done for our teens, not just at the school level but after school in the community. - One of the things that came out of it is that sometimes kids don't have anything after school. Please take time to talk to your teen and see if we had a teen community center, would that be viable to push for within Arlington County. Has been working with CCPTA president (Clair) and other PTA presidents. If haven't seen the event, it was recorded, the event was recorded and up on the CCPTA website [www.arlingtonccpta.org/outreach](http://www.arlingtonccpta.org/outreach)

**f. Chair updates:**

Updates from our current chairs- Internal VP , Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraiser/Grocery Receipts, Family Network- Janet Pence is stepping down

- Janet - trying to get a "turning 18" webinar before end of year. Also, Ann Dolin running a program on executive functioning over summer months. Could be a good program for junior parents. Helping them get organized and set goals for things they want to accomplish. How to get value out of summer months. Wants to engage interest of PTA in a webinar of this kind. Would need to know within the next 2 weeks. Also could be good program for rising 9th graders.
- Janet is looking for someone to take over. If anyone is interested and would like to speak to her about how she sets these things up for family information, that would be great.
- Still need someone to be volunteer coordinator next year (Jamie Pilot is moving off); still need a fundraiser coordinator. Still need a Fundraiser coordinator. Would like to have an Internal VP for next year.

**VII. Treasurer's Report:**

The report covers March 2023. The beginning account balance as of March 1, 2023 was

\$47,986.48; the ending balance as of March 31, 2023 was \$47,727.55. Receipts totaled \$599.84 and included receipts related to spiritwear purchases and fundraising. Disbursements totaled \$858 and included teacher grant reimbursements and some administrative items. All line items remained on track with budget.

VIII. **Adjournment** - Thank you for attending. Meeting adjourned.