

Approved Minutes  
Addams PTA  
March 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Addams PTA was held on Monday March 9, 2020.

Attendees: Joe Youanes, Jenny Kowalkowski, Tiana Geistler, Jane Bofferding, Jen Stark, Laura Nagrant, Amy Macdonald, Sarah Schwarz, TJ Stevens, Mallory Greenway, Deb Anderson, Beth Ellis, Jason Kohl, Kristin Smith, Tracey Das, Austi McNew, Terri Hurbis, and Georgette Harris.

7:03 p.m. Call to Order – Welcome!

Confirm Quorum of members present -10 members required

Pledge of Allegiance

School Board Liaison –Deb Anderson

- School Board meeting on Thursday March 12. At 6:00 that evening there will be a discussion on early literacy.
- On March 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a vision meeting: revisiting our goals. Are they still relevant? Along with other check-ins.
- The School of Choice window closes at the end of March.
- Royal Oak High School has a 99% graduation rate!
- The custodial staff is stepping up in response to Covid-19.

Teachers' Report – Kristin Smith

- March is Reading Month!
  - Get Caught Reading photos are due by Friday.
- Green Bagel sale money is due by Thursday.
- The end of the marking period is April 3, and report cards will go live on April 17.

Principal's Report – Joe Youanes

- Open House is March 26, from 6:30-8 pm.
- No Science Fair this year.
- Election Day is tomorrow, and there will be school for the students:
  - Reviewed safety plan, including moveable walls separating the voters from the students, security in the hallway between the gym and the lunchroom, and security at the mural to redirect any voters trying to enter in the front doors.
- Received feedback for primary elections 4 years from now:
  - Can that be a day for the students and/ or a teacher in-service day?
  - Can we use more parent volunteers (Watch Dogs?) to patrol the hallways?

Officers Reports:

Secretary – Laura Nagrant

- Presented the January minutes for approval:
  - A motion was made by Deb Anderson and seconded by Mallory Greenway to approve the January 2020 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Sarah Schwarz

- January-February checking account report: \$42,724.52 Ending Balance (Income: \$6,258.27; Expenses: \$6,390.77)
- Please submit your reimbursement receipts! That's the only way that Sarah will know how much money is in the account that needs to be spent down.

President – Jenny Kowalkowski

- PTA Council updates:
  - Reviewed the School Boards plan for school safety on Election Day (previously reviewed by Mr. Youanes).
  - Covid-19: discussion are ongoing around quarantine plan, if it's needed.
  - ROHS scholarship: all PTAs contribute to this scholarship, and high schoolers are applying now.
- Bowl-a-thon for Royal Oak Youth Assistance was March 1. The goal of \$20,000 raised was met.

Communications –Amy MacDonald

- Please get your info in by Fridays for inclusion in the Sunday NewsFlash.

Membership – TJ Stevens

- No update

Fundraising – Jane Bofferding and Jen Stark

- Dinner Destination at Marco's Pizza in January raised about \$470!
- There will be another Dinner Destination at Marco's in April, after spring break.

Event Reviews

Sweetheart Dance – Jenny Kowalkowski for Diana Dyer

- Event had about 300 attendees and made about \$300-\$350

Reflections – Jenny Kowalkowski for Laurie Ovies

- About 30 Addams students participated, which is about double what we've had in previous years.
- Celebration for artists and their families to be held in the Media Center on Wednesday at 6:45.

Committee Reports

Teacher Appreciation: Terri Hurbis and Jen Stark

- May 4, - May 8, and the theme is Superheroes
- Survey going out to the teachers for ideas of what they want for food, gifts, etc.

Fun Fair: Georgette Harris and Kelley Kurvi

- A volunteer is needed to take over the raffle
- Other co-chairs may also be looking for replacements. Amy to come up with a list for the NewsFlash on Sunday.

Book Fair: Laura Nagrant

- Book Fair will be open from Thursday afternoon 4/23 through Tuesday morning 4/28.
  - Request was made to include a day for morning (before-school) shopping?
- Will include a used-book drive with donated books going to Humble Design.

Yearbook: Jenny Kowalkowski for Lil Scull

- Group pictures rescheduled for Wednesday, March 18.

Nominations: Kristin Smith for Christina Hipp

- Nominations received for all 4 positions:
  - Secretary: Diana Dyer
  - VP Communications: Laura Nagrant
  - Members at Large: Terri Hurbis and Beth Ellis

Green Schools: Kristin Smith for Mary Ballard

- Looking for new ideas and new leadership!
- Addams has earned Evergreen status again this year from the state of Michigan.
- Earth Day will be a month-long initiative in April.

New Business

- Inclusivity: Student Senate to take this topic to the students: "what does inclusivity mean to you?"
- Spending down the surplus in the PTA's checking account: PTA to take interest votes at the open house on a few ideas.
  - The Fun Fair will be free to families again this year.
- April 13, 2020 is the next PTA meeting, in the Media Center at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm