

Approved Minutes  
Addams PTA  
September 14, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Addams PTA was held on Monday September 14, 2020.

Attendees: Joe Youanes, Jenny Kowalkowski, Tiana Geistler, Jane Bofferding, Jen Stark, Laura Nagrant, Sarah Schwarz, Lil Scull, TJ Stevens, Diana Dyer, Terri Hurbis, Beth Ellis, Amy Macdonald, Lillian Scull, Kristin Smith, Colleen Rose, Deb Anderson, Mandi Hill, Jillian Sharfner, Christina Hipp, Aaron Campos, Katherine Sloan, Amanda O'Dell, Paige Bradley, Jennifer Livingston, Kristen Balinski, Erin Krause, Shannon Carlson, Michele Hrecin, Jenese Reynolds-Gibbs, Stephanie Stevens, Emily Smalley, Tricia Graziano, and Allison Kopf.

7:01 p.m. Call to Order – Welcome!

Confirm Quorum of members present -10 members required

Pledge of Allegiance

School Board Report – Deb Anderson

- Operating millage will be on the ballot this November (at the end of the ballot). This is an important millage, as it makes up 46% of the operating budget.
- Food distribution is ongoing at Keller and ROHS for children under 18.
- Continued requests for Chromebooks are being received and fulfilled.
- Athletics have resumed.
- There are four school board seats open in the fall, and 6 candidates are running. Maryanne VanHaitsma is the only incumbent running.
- Reach out to Deb if you have questions, at [deborah.anderson@royaloakschools.org](mailto:deborah.anderson@royaloakschools.org)

Teachers' Report – Kristin Smith

- Adria Filips has retired, and we have two new teacher reps on the PTA: Katherine Sloan and Shannon Carlson.
- Thank you from the teachers to the parents for your partnership this school year.
- Thank you to the PTA for the "spirit gear" (t-shirts) for the staff

Principal's Report – Joe Youanes

- Welcome to the new school year!
- We've hired 7 new teachers this year.
- Curriculum Night will be virtual this year, on September 30:
  - DK, K and 1<sup>st</sup>: 6-6:30 pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6:30-7 pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>: 7-7:30 pm

Officers Reports:

President – Jenny Kowalkowski

- Most in-person events for this fall have been cancelled (Welcome Festival, Parent to Parent sale); some will be explored further to see if they can happen in a socially distanced way (Trunk or Treat).
- The PTA is open to ideas for activities and how to spend PTA funds. A survey will be sent out on Facebook and the Newsflash (link [here](#)).
- Jenny presented the proposed 2020-2021 calendar (with TBDs, particularly for events typically held in the spring):
  - A motion was made by TJ Stevens and seconded by Laura Nagrant to adopt the calendar as presented.
  - Motion passed 21-0-0.

Secretary – Laura Nagrant

- Laura presented the March 2020 PTA meeting minutes for approval:
  - A motion was made by Jen Stark and seconded by TJ Stevens to approve the minutes as written.
  - Motion passed 21-0-0.
- Laura presented the May 2020 virtual PTA meeting minutes for approval:

- A motion was made by Jane Bofferding and seconded by Tiana Geistler to approve the minutes as written.
- Motion passed 22-0-0.
- Laura presented the June 2020 virtual PTA meeting minutes for approval:
  - A motion was made by Aaron Campos and seconded by TJ Stevens to approve the minutes as written.
  - Motion passed 22-0-0.

#### Treasurer – Sarah Schwarz

- Treasurer’s Report:
  - July/ August Income: \$1803.53 (included Mom2Mom sale in the spring, Amazon Smile rewards, and PTA memberships)
  - July/ August Expenses: \$795.17
  - Bank Statement balance as of August 31: \$39,037.70.
- Sarah presented the 2020-2021 budget for approval:
  - A motion was made by Kristin Smith and seconded by Deb Anderson to approve the budget as presented.
  - Motion passed 24-0-0.

#### Membership – TJ Stevens

- Membership was up 15% just over the course of this meeting!
- Membership is currently at 125.

#### Fundraising – Jane Bofferding and Jen Stark

- Jen reviewed how to sign up for rewards using Kroger Rewards and Amazon Smile
- Jane reviewed Box Tops:
  - We’re still accepting Box Tops that have been cut out, as long as they haven’t expired.
  - The Box Top app can be downloaded, scan your receipt, and rewards will go directly to Addams.
  - We’ll accept your receipts at Addams, and scan them, if you’d prefer not to have one more app on your phone.
- The first Dinner Destination this year will be Marco’s Pizza (at Crooks & Normandy) on September 28 (all day). More details will be forthcoming, but just mention Addams and a portion of what you spend will go back to Addams.

#### Committee Reports

##### Welcome Back: Tiana Geistler

- T-shirts for the DK/ Kindergarten students that are new to Addams.
- Exploring other options: used book exchange, spirit week, spirit wear sale, mask lanyards for when we do go back in person.
- Looking for additional help/ suggestions.

##### Nominations: Christina Hipp

- Christina reviewed the slate as it was approved in the spring.
  - VP Communications (1 of 2 positions): Laura Nagrant
  - Secretary: Diana Dyer
  - Members at Large (2 positions): Beth Ellis and Terri Hurbis.
- A motion was made by Christina Hipp and seconded by TJ Stevens to approve the slate of new officers as presented. Motion passed 21-0-0.

##### Room Parents: Terri Hurbis

- Room parent role will look different this year, as parents currently not allowed into the school
- Teachers will need a lot of support this year, but we need to get a feel for what each teacher will need, individually via a survey, and then start recruiting room parents.

### New Business

- Volunteers needed to organize various ways to connect parents virtually. Not ready to identify events yet, but the survey is intended to comprehend interest in various activities.
  
- In accordance with their new positions for the 2020-2021 school year, Sarah Schwarz (Treasurer), Jenny Kowalkowski (President), Laura Nagrant (VP Communications), and Terri Hurbis (Member at Large) will be given access to the Addams PTA Financial account(s). Sara Schwarz, Jenny Kowalkowski, Laura Nagrant, and Terri Hurbis will each have access and control rights to the financial account(s). Amy Macdonald will be removed from the financial account(s).
  - A motion was made by Laura Nagrant and seconded by Tiana Geistler to approve the check signers as presented. Motion passed 21-0-0.

### Announcements

- 2019-2021 yearbooks have arrived. Contact Ms. Lui in the office if you haven't received yours yet. Last year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will receive theirs through the mail.
- The first Dinner Destination is at Marco's Pizza on September 28. Details to follow.
- The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, at 7 pm (virtually, on Zoom).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm