



Minutes for the YMA General Meeting 11/19/19

Board members in Attendance: Niesha Chance, Leah Canale, Linda D'Agostino-Garcia, Kenia Gomez, Lisa Knigge, Margaret Madden, Dorka Pinnix

- Also present: Helen McCullagh, YMA PTSA Membership Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM in the Auditorium.

Ice Breaker

- Two truths, one lie

Upcoming events

- Holiday Boutique with Polar Pals Express (Tues 12/10/19 and Wed 12/11/19)
 - Volunteers are needed from (7am- 1pm for both days)
- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences on December 12, 2019
 - Day time Parent/Teacher Conferences on December 13, 2019
- Winter Concert Pre K- 3 on Friday December 13, 2019 at 9:00 am
- 7th Grade Science Fair on Friday December 13, 2019 at 8:00 pm in the North Wing Gym
- Potential Enrichment Programs
 - April 2020 - June 2020
 - *African Dance and Drum Troupe*: Lecture style in reference to Senegalese Culture **Grades Pre K- 6**
 - *Take Back Your Voice*: Lecture style on healthy coping mechanisms, self-love, and the importance of resilience through music. **Grades 7-8**
 - *Freedom Within*: Mindfulness and Meditation **Grades Pre K - 6**
 - *SK8 4 Life*: Action packed skateboard demonstration in addition to discussing the importance of a healthy lifestyle with regard to nutrition, exercise and being drug free **Grades K-8**
 - *The Truth about Greek Life*: An educational discussion and performance demonstration in regarding member ship in a Fraternity or Sorority **Grades 11-12**

Membership engagement

- We currently have 209 members
- Administrators, teachers, parents, and students are invited to show their support and become PTSA members
- Teachers must be members by December 31, 2019 in order to qualify for mini-grant applications
- YCPTSA Representative/delegate for meetings

Kiss & Drop Volunteers

- Need more volunteers for Mondays from 7:20-7:50am
- Please let Helen McCullagh know if you're interested

Budget

- Income will change because it will be reduced by the fees paid to NYS for memberships

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- Our Fall Flannel Festival was an event and not fundraiser
- Reminder to use Amazon Smile benefiting YMS PTSA when they shop Amazon
- Organization and clean-up of PTSA room is under Stationary & Supplies in Budget

Upcoming Meetings

- Our next Coffee and Chat run by Helen McCullagh, PTSA Membership Chair, will be on December 6, 8:00-9:15 am in the YMA PTSA office!
- Next General Meetings: January TBA, February 27, 2020

Presentation by Krisztina Ghazal

- Krisztina is here 2 days a week in the HS
 - She also runs an after school club for our students
- **"Juuls, Carts, and Wax: A Teen Vaping Update"**
 - Companies are targeting teens by making vaping products appealing and fun
 - Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) originally meant for nicotine alternatives are being used with other products
 - CDC has reported 42 confirmed deaths in 24 states from vaping and 2,172 EVALI: E-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury cases in 49 states
 - Many teens think they are just vaping flavors and not nicotine
 - Nicotine strengths can be very high and even cause nicotine overdose and nicotine-induced seizures
- Thank you Krisztina for an eye-opening and excellent presentation!

Volunteers are always needed! No amount of contribution is too small.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

- Minutes recorded by Linda D'Agostino-Garcia