

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes Tues., Apr. 6, 2021 25 Attended Virtually

- 1) **Welcome & Administrative Matters** – Shelly Heinrich
 - a) PTA Introductions
 - b) Meeting agenda was approved
 - c) March 2021 meeting minutes were approved

- 2) **Principal's Report** – Michelle McCarthy
 - a) Upcoming Science Events - Ms. Sharwarko and Ms. Waszkowski presented ways to celebrate Earth Week including a presentation by Gulf Branch Nature Center and a choice board of activities
 - b) March was an extremely busy month, but much was accomplished with return to school. The play at the end of the month was a huge highlight.
 - c) Books before bedtime continues with an author visit by Angela Dominguez.
 - d) This week is Assistant Principal Week. Shoutout to Dr. Roache! It is also Librarian week, thank you to Ms. Blaine and Ms. Kavanagh.
 - e) Summer school and fall plans continue to evolve with the Governor's latest announcement of mandatory 5-day programs. Jamestown (and every school) will host their own summer school programs. If it is recommended that your child participate, you will receive notification in April.
 - f) Staff is following up with families that disenrolled during the pandemic to see if they plan on re-enrolling so that staffing decisions can be made.
 - g) Tamika George, front office staff, graduated from an educational program and is moving on to a new job. Reach out to other front office staff if you need help you usually get from Tamika.
 - h) According to county dashboard, there have been no Covid cases reported at Jamestown.
 - i) Testing for gifted services – Cogat – will be this month.

- 3) **Volunteers' & Officers' Reports**
 - a) Internal Relations – Carrie Gray
 - Virtual Play Festival Recap: Brought in \$1,700 in donations for the live viewing. Provided 45 bags of goodies for the live viewing night as well. A link will go out soon for everyone to watch.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: May 3rd. Stephanie Carpenter reported on brainstorming happening now for the week. Posters, thank you cards, and more.
 - Junior Great Books program is getting started.
 - Virtual Run Club was a success. There were about 20 families who regularly participated. Thank you!
 - Science Olympiad has 8 students participating virtually this year. All of it has been online, and it has been a big commitment of those students. Thank you to Kristen Parikh for volunteering to run that.

b) Communications – Erin Baynham

- Yearbook Update: In crunch time now, please submit photos if you have it. Thank you for all the volunteers, including those helping put together the yearbook, and parent photographers who came to school the week before Spring Break. In particular -- Audra Phalen, Rena Wamsley and Judy Hill. If you did not partake in the school picture session, please submit a portrait. We are still collecting baby pictures for 5th graders. Club pages will be different this year, with no group photos. Please submit photos of club activities if you participated.
- Poetry Journal Update: Artwork finalized over Spring Break. Winners will be announced in a Principal's Message and the Jamestown Weekly Video message. Looking for a volunteer to head this project next year.

c) Fundraising – Liz Cummings

- Pie-Tanza Fundraiser Recap: largest fundraiser Pie-Tanza has ever had. Thank you to Liz Milans for coordinating. Over 50 families participated with over \$550 raised. If you own or partner with a restaurant, we would be interested in doing more of these events. Looking to add a restaurant coordinator volunteer position for next year.
- Considering whether to do any more fundraisers this Spring.

d) Treasurer – Jason Marino

- February end of month: \$79,900
- March end of month: \$85,200
- Asking everyone to submit end of year receipts next month so the books can be closed out and start fresh for next year.

e) President – Shelly Heinrich

- Nominating Committee: Currently taking officer nominations for PTA Treasurer. One person has volunteered so far, but if anyone else is interested, please let us know before the May PTA meeting.
- Seeking volunteers for next year. No experience needed! If you have any interest at all, we can help new volunteers with any position.
- Provided a summary of Superintendent messages from the past month. With updated CDC guidelines, additional students have been admitted to the hybrid program and there is an expectation of a 5-day in-person model for fall 2021.
- Mrs. McCarthy added that anyone who wants to come back, has been accommodated. Students are enjoying the “outdoor café” for lunch, and outside for PE.
- SOLs being administered in May.
- Mrs. Gaeta working on a “No Place for Hate” program for students.

4) **Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm**

