

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Tues., April 5, 2022

7:00 pm

21 Attended Virtually

- 1) **Welcome & Administrative Matters** – Shelly Heinrich
 - a) The PTA board introduced themselves
 - b) The meeting agenda was approved
 - c) The March 2022 meeting minutes were approved

- 2) **Principal's Report** – Michelle McCarthy
 - a) Little Library Project – Eagle Scout (and former Jamestown student) John Lea has built a “Little Free Library” himself that he would like to install at Jamestown. His Eagle Scout Troop will secure it in the ground at a child’s level, at any location we suggest. He’s asking for donation to cover the costs of materials. Attendees approved \$150 for materials and installation.

 - b) Update on Redevelopment of Outdoor Space – Gary Shinnors and Sherri Sharwarko: emphasis on a creating a completely native plant area around and in “Jamestown park” – the area from the lower playground, along Delaware Street to the tennis courts. Spent the past several months removing non-native landscaping and have begun planting trees. It will also have wheelchair-accessible paths throughout. As planning it will be the largest native wildflower area in the county when finished.

 - c) Two successful fieldtrips this week: 4th graders went to Jamestown and Yorktown settlements and the 5th graders went to Williamsburg for a tour.

 - d) There will be a percussion band special assembly for students this Friday.

 - e) 4th and 5th grade spring concert is tomorrow night

 - f) Please encourage friends and neighbors to register for Kindergarten.

 - g) Ms. Convery, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Richards all had their babies this past month.

 - h) Staff put together a thank you video for PTA support.

- 3) **Volunteers' & Officers' Reports**
 - a) Internal Relations – Carrie Gray
 - Spring enrichment registration open
 - Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2 – 6
 - Stephanie Carpenter (room parent coordinator) is planning out the week of breakfasts and lunches, gifts, and flowers.
 - We need vases donated for collected flowers.
 - Thank you to Mr. Gawrys and Beth Taylor for organizing Run Club. We need volunteers.
 - Junior Great Books starting soon. The PTA is paying for half the cost for each student.

- Swings for the playground have been shipped.
 - The contractor who was going to fit the Gaga Ball pit cannot do it anymore. Reaching out for estimates for a new pit made of a material other than wood.
- b) External Relations – Trish Madden
- Bingo Night was a huge success.
 - Spring Fair – May 14, 10am-1pm - Hillary Offutt: The main goal is to generate community spirit. Very much need many more volunteers – day of event for as little as an hour, pre-event for shopping and ticket sales and more. Most in need: hair and face painting!
 - Next community service project: Earth Day on April 23rd.
 - Gave a brief overview of Bell Change Survey results – most respondents supported keeping bell times as they are now (against proposed changes)
- c) Communications –Erin Baynham
- [Order](#) Your Yearbook by April 16. Collecting early childhood pictures of 5th graders – they only have half of students so far.
 - LAST CALL: Submit Photos to yearbook-editor@jamestownpta.org or <https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/jamestownpta>
 - Poetry journal in progress. Thank you Kathy Davis.
- d) Fundraising – Liz Cummings
- Pietanza was last restaurant fundraiser.
 - Last opportunity to register your grocery card.
- e) Treasurer – Angela Cocker
- Ending March balance: \$57,713.33
 - Supplied instrumental music, items for resource teacher Ms. Price, Ms. Blaine in library, hospitality committee did a staff lunch, some 5th grade promotion supplies.
- f) President – Shelly Heinrich
- Gave a nominating committee overview – all the board positions except Treasurer are open. Please consider volunteering.
- 4) **Adjourned at 8:24 pm**