

Jamestown Elementary School

PTA Meeting

Tues., Feb. 2, 2021, 7:00 pm
31 Virtual Participants

- 1) **Welcome & Administrative Matters** – Shelly Heinrich
 - a) The agenda was approved
 - b) The January 2021 meeting minutes were approved
 - c) The board introduced themselves

- 2) **Special Guest Presentation: Stress, Mindset and Self-Care: Research-based strategies to strengthen resilience and build tools** - Elisa Nebolsine
 - The presentation was recorded and will be posted to the PTA website along with her presentation slides.
 - Mindset: how one thinks about something changes how they react to it. Expectations can shift the outcome. How one labels their stress and whether they feel the stress is helpful or not shapes how well they are able to react to it.
 - She offered steps to help reframe thinking about stress and how to manage stress.

- 3) **Principal's Report** – Michelle McCarthy
 - Thank you for the notes, cards and flowers for Principal Appreciation Week.
 - This week is School Counselor Week.
 - Returning to in-person learning update
 - o Return to school dates will be announced at February 18th school board meeting from. Dr. Duran.
 - o Jamestown started working in the fall on outside spaces. APS added outside wifi hotspots.
 - o 3rd-5th grade return to school communication sent out last week.
 - o Was able to honor requests for siblings to stay together.
 - Books before bedtime last week was a success. Next one is on Wednesday the 10th.
 - Will send profile sheets for next year's placement on February 12th.
 - No staffing decisions for next year have been made. They may be impacted due to lower enrollment, but no changes yet.
 - Students will be provided supplies, and/ or asked to bring things they have been using at home. They will have space to save their supplies so they are not shared.

- 4) **Volunteers' & Officers' Reports**
 - a) Internal Relations – Carrie Gray
 - Next SEPTA (Special Education PTA) meeting will focus on mental health. Open to everyone. Information to come in PTA newsletter.
 - Junior Great Books program is in the works. A Google form will be out soon to generate interest.
 - School Play Festival: Karen McAndrews is the producer for that. There is a small and active group involved. March 24th is the Jamestown premier. Contact Carrie to help with publicity or fundraising.
 - Stephanie Carpenter (Room Parents) working with teachers on Valentine's Day party.

b) External Relations – Trish Madden

- Randolph Pantry: Information in the PTA newsletter on how more of the community can be involved each week. Would like to get more student/ community groups involved.

c) Communications – Erin Baynham

- Yearbook Update: Finalized the theme and cover. The yearbook ordering site is open. Please continue to take and send pictures.
- Poetry Journal: Stronger Together. Art entries due February 26th.
- Directory Update: online is available through A-Z app. Print coming soon.

d) Fundraising – Liz Cummings

- February 1-28: Traditional Giving Campaign this year instead of the Winter Auction.
- February 22 & 23: School Pictures being scheduled now.

e) Treasurer – Angela Cocker

- December 31, 2020 year end balance of \$70, 123.95
- January 31, 2021 balance \$69,893.51
- Still looking for an auditor. Needs to be done, paid position not volunteer.

f) President – Shelly Heinrich

- March guest speaker at 6:30 pm, before the meeting. Gifted Resources teacher.
- Looking for volunteers for PTA nominating committee
- Provided highlights of the past school board meeting slides.

5) The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.