

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes
Tues., Nov. 1, 2022
7:00 pm

Welcome & Administrative Matters (NTE 10 minutes) – Erin Baynham

Introductions

Action Item -- Approval of agenda - APPROVED

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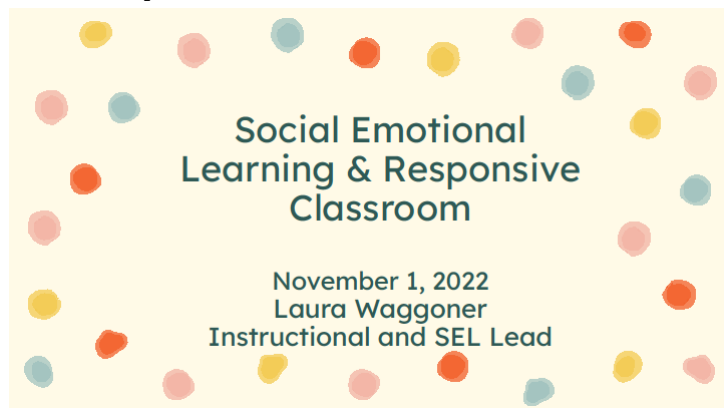
28 participants via Zoom

Principal's Report (10-15 minutes) – Michelle McCarthy

- a) Walk to End Homelessness and Sock Drive - Thank you for the sock donations!
- b) Halloween parade was a success!
- c) Report cards will account for progress since the beginning of the school year. They will be available on 11/18 in ParentVue
- d) Still looking for an afternoon Crossing Guard (through Arlington Police Department)
- e) Outdoor learning space - Ms. Sharwarko and Gary Shinnars (parent of JES alumni) are working on the space and flowers are starting to grow!
- f) The Naglieri ability test is a nonverbal ability test that will take place on 11/3 at 9:30 for 1st graders. This is a test for the gifted program
- g) Extra recess was given to kids today, for meeting PTA membership goals. Thank you! We just met the 50% membership goal

Guest Speaker – Laura Waggoner, Instructional Lead and Social Emotional Lead Teacher, Responsive Classroom Approach

- h) Please see presentation here:



- i) Additional information can be found here: <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/>

Volunteers' & Officers' Reports (NTE 45 minutes)

Internal Relations – Maura Woosley

- Halloween parties were coordinated by classroom room parents (thank you Ingrid Gust for helping to organize this for the classes)
- Odyssey of the Mind - Veronica Chavez is looking for a co-lead

- Several parents have volunteered for coaches, but we still need more!
We need at least 2 coaches per grade.
- Should we have 1 team for K-2?
- More information will be sent out soon.
- Science Olympiad - competitions taking place in November
- School Play - Looking for volunteers. Please reach out to school-play@jamestownpta.org
 - 2nd weekend in March, tentatively
 - 5th graders will have speaking roles
 - Music and/or dance role for other grades
- Reflections Contest submissions were due 10/27 to Judy Marzocco
 - Winners will be announced 11/7
- Junior Great Books - Emily Kiggen
 - Still looking for volunteers
 - Registration will start in December
 - Meetings will start mid-January

Community Relations – Trish Madden

- Jen Board - Calendar Options Update
 - Call to action: VOTE for 1 of the 3 options
 - Voting until 11/8 - Link Below to vote
 - <https://www.apsva.us/engage/development-of-the-2023-24-school-year-calendar/>
- October Socials Recap
 - Thank you for the parent socials
 - All had a great turnout
 - Movie Night had a great turnout
 - Contact social@jamestownpta.org if you're interested in purchasing a JES blanket (3 remaining)
 - Over \$600 earned by Girl Scouts
- Community Service
 - Thank you for coat donations for Ukrainian Coat Drive
 - 5K Jamestown team will be formed for Jennifer Bush-Lawson 5K run - more information to follow in newsletter
 - Angel Tree for Randolph and JES communities - more info to follow
- SEPTA - Janna Dressel, Alison Cassels and Teresa Jones - JES parent liaison
 - Met with Dr. Duran. Monthly Meeting recordings and info can be found here: <https://www.arlingtonsepta.org/events/monthly-meetings/>
 - Phantom Ball - no frills fundraiser just wrapped up
 - SEPTA mini grants - help support Arlington staff (up to \$500)
 - \$32k worth of requests with a budget of \$8k
 - hoping to create a supplement budget by creating an amazon wish list to fulfill some of the requests

- Next event: Virtual event - How families can foster an inclusive mindset at home
- JES PTA donated \$500 to SEPTA
- Bowling Night – Nov. 18
 - 30 lanes were sold out within 2 days
 - This is not a drop off event - please make sure there is a parent chaperone
 - There will be prizes!
 - Bracelets will be handed out as a party favor

Communications – Cara Richardson

- Information for newsletters is due by 5pm the Wednesday of the newsletter - email: newsletter-editor@jamestown.org

Looking for feedback on the newsletter - Send to Cara or Audra Phalen

- New Yearbook Editor - Elena Sylos-Labini
 - Please submit pictures throughout the year!
 - The goal is to have at least one candid photo of each student

d) Fundraising – Margaret Taubin

- Taco Bamba Restaurant Fundraiser – Nov. 9
 - Ballston location (delivery/dine-in/carry out)
- Shop & Dine Out Night (Lee Heights Shopping Center: Lemoncello, Child's Play & Old Dominion Pizza) – Nov. 15
- White House Ornament Sales - Kicked off on 11/1
 - 34 ornaments sold as of the PTA meeting
 - Reserve ornaments through 12/1
 - Local pick up around 12/8
- Winter Auction – Feb. 25
 - Actively soliciting donations or sponsorships
 - Looking for parent party hosts
 - Please contact Caroline Dana or Katie Matheson – winter-social@jamestownpta.org
- Week of 1/16/23 - VCO Orthodontics with Dr. Crissy Markova - Fundraiser
 - More information to come
- Make up picture day is coming 11/17
 - Pictures from the original picture day will be available mid November
- Don't forget our every day fundraiser opportunities! Harris Teeter, Box Tops, Mabel's Labels, Amazon Smile
 - Should we send a reminder to JES parents to set up Amazon Smile, especially before the holidays? It is easy to sign up!

Treasurer – Angela Cocker

- Membership Update
 - \$49,685.34 ending balance as of 9/30

- Income will start coming with ticket sales for Winter Fundraiser
- JES won \$1,000 from a school supply raffle: \$900 was donated to Randolph elementary in October
- Fundraiser check from PieTanza is expected shortly
- Budget was provided for instructional support for grades 3,4,5, pre-K, library and other professional development
- Budget was spent towards Science Olympiad, Parent Socials, Ice Cream Socials, SEPTA donation last month
- Membership reached the 50% goal: Students received an extra recess on 11/1

President – Erin Baynham

- Biking unit will return to physical education this year
- Run club will be offered: Mr. Gawrys is working with Beth Taylor - more info to come
- Art classes are looking for assistant volunteers. Sign up genius may be available. Please check with classroom parents for more information
- Original Works fundraiser (creating gifts from kids artwork) - PTA board can discuss as a possibility for a future fundraiser
- Evening of Dec 8th - Winter Concert
- Next PTA Meeting – Jan. 3 (virtual)
- No PTA Meeting in December

Other Business – if needed

Adjourn (8:30 pm or earlier) - adjourned at 8:17pm