

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

Tues., June 1, 2021

7:00 pm

17 people attended virtually

- 1) **Welcome & Administrative Matters** – Shelly Heinrich
 - a) Introductions of staff and PTA board
 - b) The agenda was approved
 - c) The May 2021 meeting minutes were approved

- 2) **Principal's Report** – Michelle McCarthy
 - Thank you to the PTA board for their work this year.
 - Finishing up SOLs, thank you to Dr. Roche for coordinating this year.
 - Final “No Place for Hate” meeting last week. Will continue the program next year, and work on how we can continue to talk about the program and reinforce the program throughout next year. Caroline Bailey the teenager who did the Buddy Benches as part of her Girl Scout programming, has another idea for a Kindness campaign for next year. She will present to the board at the August or September meeting.
 - AFAC cereal drive happening next week.
 - Summer math review will be printed out this year and sent home last week of school.
 - Grade 5 End of Year celebrations – parade clap out June 14th, mini clap outs the 16th and 18th for students attending in person.
 - APS plans for next year: mask wearing and 6 feet apart eating will remain in place. Temperature checks, visitors and volunteer restrictions will be lifted July 1st.
 - Staffing updates: we lost 2 special education teachers and 2 special education assistants in budget cuts.
 - For now the playground remains closed immediately after school, but will open now at 3:15pm (instead of 3:30pm).
 - For 2021-2022 school year, for the most part, the number of classrooms will stay the same as the previous year (for example, if there were three 1st grade classes this year, that means there will be three 2nd grade classes next year).

- 3) **Volunteers' & Officers' Reports**
 - a) Internal Relations – Carrie Gray
 - The following Committee Chair positions are still open for 2021-2022:
 - Co-chair after school enrichment coordinator with Sophia Babcock
 - Shadow for Landy Sorenson who will oversee Junior Great Books one more year
 - School Play Producer
 - Science Olympiad Volunteer
 - NEW ONE - Shadow needed for School Supplies, watch Erin Langley this year and take over next.
 - 5th Grade Graduation Plans
 - Clap out on Monday, June 14th. Sign up for a 10-minute window to drive through. Mini clap out on the 16th and 18th for students

in school that week.

- On Tuesday, virtual messages from teachers and class president.
 - On Wednesday, a Flip Grid with a message for each student. Kickball and popsicles for Tuesday/ Wednesday students.
 - On Thursday, slideshow.
 - On Friday, kickball game and popsicles for Thursday/ Friday students.
 - Will pass out yard signs and t-shirts next week.
 - If anyone has calligraphy skills, looking to have 79 names written on certificates.
- Held vote on an increase for the 5th Grade Promotion Budget. With uncertainty last year, almost no money was devoted to the 5th grade promotion. Asking for a repeat budget approval of \$1500 for activities such as t-shirts, yard signs, diplomas, and the car parade decorations and food for staff that day.
 - Big thanks to those chairs who served in 2020-21 and to those who've volunteered for 2021-22.
 - **School Supplies:** Reminder to order School Supplies for next year - the supplies are selected by grade level teachers and bundled for pickup before school starts. NOTE: PTA makes very little money on this project. More of a convenience factor for parents!

b) External Relations – Trish Madden

- Randolph is ending food panty bagging as of the end of the school year. If you want to participate, you can donate funds directly to Randolph. If anyone has time in the next two weeks, we are looking for people to bag 6/11 and 6/18.
- Next year's events should be back to close to normal. Looking for a lot of volunteers for next year. Particularly in need of hospitality chair, and Reflections contest chair.

c) Communications – Erin Baynham

- Yearbook Update: yearbooks have arrived, they just need to be sorted and distributed.
- Poetry Journal Update: Journal proofs have been approved, and should be distributed in the next two weeks.
- Looking for two volunteers for next year: poetry journal and website redesign.

d) Fundraising – Liz Cummings

- Restaurant Fundraisers – Lebanese Taverna raised over \$500; Pie-Tanza fundraiser is next Monday, 6/7

e) Treasurer – Jason Marino

- This is Jason's last meeting as PTA Treasurer. Thank you for your hard

work, and we will miss you and your funny jokes.

- End of April in bank: \$81,700
- End of May in bank: \$83,109
- Expense Reimbursement Requests/Receipts Due June 1

f) President – Shelly Heinrich

- Additional push for request for volunteers for next year.
- Requested feedback on what people did actually like virtual. For example, books before bedtime. As we move to in-person, is there anything we want to keep?
- Provided an APS update with highlights from recent emails and town halls.

4) **Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm**