

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes
Tues., March 1, 2022
7:00 pm
37 people attended virtually

1) Welcome & Administrative Matters – Shelly Heinrich

- The PTA board introduced themselves
- The meeting agenda was approved
- The February meeting minutes were approved

2) Principal's Report – Michelle McCarthy

- First day (3/1) that students had the option of wearing masks - good day
- Parent teacher conferences are on 3/3 and 3/4
- March 11 - 'get to know students' - questionnaire will be going out, which will be used to help make placements for the next school year
- Thank you to the SCA for the fundraising surrounding the Leukemia and Lymphoma society
 - Last day is this Thursday (3/3) - 'Put Cancer to Bed'
- Lost and Found is overflowing - please come by and check to see if you are missing anything
- Masks are not required on the bus

	Question	Response
1	When will parents be able to volunteer in the classroom again? It would be great to reinstate art helpers, mystery readers, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The school has always allowed volunteers ● As teachers feel more comfortable, the opportunities to volunteer will expand ● Please fill out the APS volunteer questionnaire
2	Once guidance is issued from APS regarding covid restrictions, it would be helpful to know what it means for Jamestown specifically, i.e. what is changing to "normal" such as parents being allowed inside school, Q4 conferences taking place in person, traditional school events returning, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are no Q4 conferences; only Fall and Spring ● Field Day will be brought back in some capacity
3	Also, what is the rotation of the blacktop and field for students at recess? Is it by year, such as X grade uses blacktop and y grade is field or something else?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The rotation is by school grade ● Lunch times overlap for grades 2 and 3, which means the grades/classes need to rotate between the blacktop and playgroup ● If kids are looking for additional items to play with during recess, they should ask their teachers as there is additional inventory to pull from
4	I just received the "Making a Difference for APS" email which highlights parent volunteers who work with the kids in school. I have not heard about any volunteer opportunities. Is anyone doing K learning centers, mystery readers, art helpers, etc?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteer opportunities are class specific ● When volunteers are needed, teachers will promote through weekly classroom newsletters ● If you have questions, reach out to your children(s) teachers
5	In the past, this time of year is when fourth graders visit Mt. Vernon. Is that field trip happening?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The field trip to Mt.Vernon will not occur this school year for 4th graders, but on April 4th there will be a field trip to

		Jamestown, VA (this will be announced to students on Monday - please don't tell them before then)
6	My kids asked if all-school morning meetings would start again. They miss them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is looking to try and do something - more information will be provided when available
7	If a child is out sick for non-COVID reasons, do they need to present a negative COVID?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No - if they do not have COVID symptoms • Call the clinic if there are any questions. Clinic hours: 8:30 - 3:45 daily • If a child tests positive, they don't need to show a negative test result - just stay at home for the required amount of time • If a child is not feeling well they should stay home • Parents have been good about keeping kids home

3) Volunteers' & Officers' Reports

- Internal Relations – Carrie Gray
 - Junior Great Books - PTA sponsors the program
 - Will launch in the Spring - still deciding on launch date (before or after school)
 - Program is driven by parent volunteers and occurs in the morning
 - New playground swings and a renovated gaga pit are coming
 - Run club - two mornings a week before school - more information is coming
 - 5th Grade Promotions team - plans are in the works for year end activities
- External Relations – Trish Madden
 - Great turnout for the valentine's initiative
 - Comfort Cases - donation opportunity (new blankets/new stuffed animals) - information coming out in the next Newsletter
 - There is a gap/need to provide additional information about the organizations that the school supports. Looking to provide an opportunity for the kids to learn more about Comfort Cases
 - Looked to reschedule the movie night, but is not possible until next school year
 - Spring fair is in development for May 14 - will be able to provide details in the next few weeks
- Communications –Erin Baynham
 - [Order](#) Your Yearbook Today – Price Goes up March 8 (+\$5)
 - Group (clubs) shots were taken last week, along with candid shots of the kids
 - Yearbook will be collecting baby pictures of 5th graders
 - Deadline to submit pictures for the Yearbook is mid-April
 - Yearbook – Submit Photos to yearbook-editor@jamestownpta.org! Very much relying on teachers for these this year. Cover art is finalized and submitted.
 - Jamestown now has an Instagram account
 - Membership Toolkit is the new tool to capture directory information
 - Poetry Journal is in progress
 - Makes Me Smile - Art Contest - due tomorrow (3/2) and winners will be announced mid-March
 - Looking for a new Newsletter Editor
- Fundraising - Liz Cummings
 - Restaurant fundraisers raises an average of \$500 per event

- There will be a Jamestown Spring Merchandise sale: 3/18 - 4/1
 - Traditional Giving Campaign - will occur in the Spring
 - Full-blown auction will come back for the 2022 - 2023 school year
- Treasurer – Angela Cocker
 - Angela went over the financial statements
 - Amazon Smile, Harris Teeter - Please add in Jamestown so the school can receive the benefits
 - Hospitality committee is doing a great job (thank you Cameron Peden and Juliette Scranton)
- President – Shelly Heinrich
 - Nominating committee volunteers are needed. The committee starts in March, to search out volunteers for the board positions. There are several board positions that will need new volunteers next year. Carrie Gray, stepping down from Internal Relations, is chairing the committee. Very interested in parents of Kindergarteners and 1st graders.
 - Reach to Carrie Gray if you have questions about the types of positions/roles available on the PTA
 - Board terms can be 1 or 2 years
 - If parents are going into their 5th grade year, the Board asks them to transition their role to another parent to provide an effective pipeline of knowledge and be accessible to answer questions
 - Past committee experience is not required to volunteer to be on the PTA
 - The APS proposed budget for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Two public hearings will take place: 3/31 and 5/5
 - Your Voice Matters - Surveys will be launched the week of 3/7
 - 3rd - 5th graders will be surveyed (social and emotional)
 - Next school board meetings: 3/10 and 3/24
 - Reminder about school board office hours: 3/7(7-9 p.m.) and 3/21 (7-9 p.m.)
 - Need to sign-up in advance to attend

4) Meeting Adjourned at 8:05