

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes
Tues., May 4, 2021
7:00 pm
23 Attended virtually

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

- 2) **Principal's Report** – Michelle McCarthy
 - May is Employee Appreciation week, with a focus this week on teachers and staff.
 - As families have changed their mind about instructional model, Jamestown has been able to welcome them into hybrid.
 - If you did not respond to the instructional model survey yet, please contact Loren Fuentes in the office to reply.
 - Continuing to develop and work on the “No Place for Hate” campaign.
 - Standardized testing is starting this month. May 17 and 24th Virtual students taking SOLs – some of this will be in school. There are no consequences for opting out of testing this year.
 - If you know anyone who left the school last year, please encourage them to reenroll so staffing decisions can be made. Based on initial conversations, about 1/3 of families are coming back, 1/3 of families we haven't heard from, and 1/3 of families are not coming back.
 - Students are grouped in new classrooms based on levels in math and reading, friends, and parent profile sheets.
 - APS did ask in its return-to-school survey if families wanted to take part in extended day and enrichment programs, but we don't know yet what will be offered.

- 3) **Volunteers' & Officers' Reports**
 - a) Internal Relations – Carrie Gray
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is this week. Stephanie Carpenter coordinated this week: Poster day, snack carts, thank you cards and small gifts for staffs. Thank you to room parents for helping get that done.
 - Two educators from Jamestown -- Dani Greene and Nikki Turner – were nominated for the Special Education Outstanding Coordinator award from SEPTA
 - Volunteer spots available for 2021-2022 include:
 - Science Olympiad
 - Outdoor space liaison
 - Junior great books shadow chair
 - School play producer
 - 5th grade promotion co-chairs
 - Extended day liaison
 - Co-chair for after school enrichment

b) External Relations – Trish Madden

- A lot of committee chair volunteer spots are available for next year – movie night, ice cream social, bingo, and many of the events canceled this year. Let Trish or any board member know if you are interested in helping next year.
- Spring Events this year that are being worked on – Chalk the Walk and a possible camp out in your own yard (or neighbor's yard). More info to come. If you want to help at all in the next month, they aren't big time commitments. Reach out to Trish.

c) Communications – Erin Baynham

- Yearbook was submitted for printing. The whole committee worked really hard, and it has already shipped! Thank you to everyone who helped. They won't be passed out for a few weeks. Kudos to all the work on creating a yearbook in this unusual year.
- Poetry Journal is almost finished
- Looking for volunteers to help with a website redesign.

d) Fundraising – Liz Cummings

- Upcoming Fundraisers –
 - Lebanese Taverna (5/13)
 - Pre-orders only, with pick up at Jamestown
 - Pie-Tanza (6/7)
 - Order and pick up through Pie-Tanza
- Springtime Book Fair (5/14-5/31)
 - Trying a new vendor for the spring. It will run longer than in the fall.
 - Teachers will be able to set up wish lists
- Volunteers needed for the fall:
 - Grocery cards
 - Mabel's Labels
 - Spring Fair
 - Winter Social
- Many thanks for all the fundraising volunteers this year: Liz Milans, Stephanie carpenter, Mindy Wooley, Jen Corey, Rachel Waas and Caroline Esteve

e) Treasurer – Jason Marino

- Month start: \$85,200
- Month end: \$81,730
- Endorsement of Angela Cocker to take over as Treasurer next year.
- Audit will be finished in July
- Expense Reimbursement Requests/Receipts Due June 1 to Angela Cocker

f) President – Shelly Heinrich

- PTA officers typically serve a two-year term, and typically do not serve when their youngest student is a 5th grader. This year there is one board position open – Treasurer. Angela Cocker was nominated for that position.
- Volunteers needed for next year
- Shelly provided an overview of the Virginia Plan on Math Education
 - Would like to coordinate a small working group to follow any potential

changes to math curriculum.

- Virginia is in the middle of a regularly-scheduled curriculum review.
- Tomorrow is walk/ bike/ roll to school day.

4) Other Business

- Reminder it is Books Before Bedtime tomorrow night.

5) Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm