

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes
Tues., Oct. 6, 2020
7:00 pm
62 Attended Virtually

- 1) **Welcome & Administrative Matters** – Shelly Heinrich
 - a) The PTA board introduced themselves
 - b) The agenda was approved
 - c) The September 2020 meeting minutes were approved

- 2) **Principal's Report**– Michelle McCarthy
 - PALS assessments have started in K-2. Grades 3-5 will use the Dibble assessment in November.
 - Updates to hybrid model will be announced tomorrow by APS (10/7/2020)
 - There is no promise that students moving to hybrid model will retain the same teacher. Requests are flattering, but both teacher preferences and student preferences are taken into account. Transition times will be provided for students who do change teachers.
 - New outdoor spaces created for classrooms can be used by other groups on weekends. School-sponsored events cannot be planned in the areas.
 - There are some areas of Jamestown that need ventilation updates before in person teaching will begin in those classrooms.
 - Manipulatives from APS are in process of being distributed. Library pick up is this week.
 - There are a lot of outstanding questions on the hybrid v. virtual model. Based on the update from the Superintendent today that changes are happening tomorrow, not much can be answered right now. Things unlikely to change include: in-person day will be full school days; asynchronous days will look like the single asynchronous days right now.
 - The PTA and student council/ Ms. Gaeta can still plan virtual spirit days.
 - Students will still have five days of school regardless of which model chosen. The expectation is that new material will be provided in asynchronous days if you choose hybrid. If you choose virtual, the expectation is still four days of synchronous.
 - There was a discussion of what would happen with positive Covid tests. Still awaiting guidance from APS.

- 3) **Volunteers' & Officers' Reports** (NTE 45 minutes)
 - a) Internal Relations – Carrie Gray
 - Beth Friend, outdoor education coordinator, asked for help in clearing outside spaces for return to classroom.
 - Room Parent Update provided by Stephanie Carpenter. All but five classrooms have room parents so far. Lots of brainstorming happening on how to provide support and community virtually.

 - b) External Relations – Trish Madden
 - Randolph Update: Thank you for contributions so far. There will be a fund drive before the holidays.
 - Membership Update: PTA is less than 20 families away from meeting our

membership goal.

- Events: PTA cannot sponsor events on school grounds while APS is still virtual. If you have ideas of how to make events virtual, please email Trish.

c) Communications – Erin Baynham

- Yearbook Distribution: 466 yearbooks were ordered; fewer than 40 still need to be picked up. There are still extras if you forgot to order one and want one for \$35.
- Poetry Journals: A good number are still left over. Let Shelly Heinrich know if you need one.
- Please update your info on ParentVue for the school directory.

d) Fundraising – Liz Cummings

- Jamestown Merchandise purchases available through this week. Expected delivery is 2-3 weeks, once the sale is closed.
- Boxtops is all virtual. Please take the time to download the app.
- Please designate Jamestown as your Amazon Smile donation site. This includes all grocery shopping and other purchases on Amazon.

e) Treasurer – Jason Marino

- PTA Budget Vote closed tonight. Finally tally will be reported next meeting. It is a scaled back budget this year.
- \$76,641 currently in the bank.

f) President – Shelly Heinrich

- Provided an elementary redistricting debrief. Jamestown is not currently on the list to have boundary changes. There are more meetings to gain parent input coming up. There was going to be a larger change to boundaries, but given the number of families that made different educational decisions this year, they are going to move that decision several years.
- Provided a PTA budget recap, of where budget dollars were spent last year. It included a show of appreciation from teachers and a list of the types of events and items the PTA typically supports.

4) Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.