

Jamestown Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes
Tues., October 12, 2021
7:00 pm
31 Attended Virtually

- 1) **Welcome & Administrative Matters** – Shelly Heinrich
 - a) The PTA board introduced themselves
 - b) The agenda was approved
 - c) The September 2021 meeting minutes were approved

- 2) **Principal's Report** – Michelle McCarthy
 - First books before bedtime was last week. They will be monthly.
 - Reminder to sign up for parent-teacher conferences. All conferences are virtual.
 - Halloween parade: Friday, October 29, at 2:15 pm. Map will be provided, and families are encouraged to spread out throughout the route. Kids will go back to classrooms for parties.
 - Covid testing in school: each week, more children have opted in. It's moving smoothly.
 - Beginning of year assessments are still ongoing. If your child needs intervention, you will receive a letter from school letting you know, and keeping you updated on progress. Some new assessments have been added. It's hard to compare to last year because last year's was virtual.
 - Have noticed students are more dependent this year, and quicker to give up. School is working on increasing their stamina as they are in school all day. Kids are very mask-conscious, though, and keeping on masks hasn't been an issue.

- 3) **Volunteers' & Officers' Reports**
 - a) External Relations – Trish Madden
 - Community Service – Molly Wolff & Lindsay Ross presented on their efforts to get students more involved in community service. This includes educating students and empowering them with opportunities. There is one event scheduled each month this year. The current opportunity is AFAC food drive. November: ASPAN walk and sock drive; Proposed for the rest of the year: December: toy drive; January: R.E.A.D. a-thon; February: Valentines for seniors; March: Comfort Cases; April: Eco-Action Arlington; May: Doorways for Women; June: Animal Welfare League of Arlington
 - Parent Socials have gone well. Attendance has been weaker than in the past, possibly that was because September is too busy for everyone. Next up is 3rd Grade: Oct. 19th @ SER 7 - 9 pm
 - Movie Night: Save the date for Oct. 29 at Madison Community Center. Kids will vote on a movie.
 - Advisory Council on Teaching & Learning Update presented by Jean McCarty. Virginia Mathematics Pathway Initiative revises curriculum every 7 years. This year's proposals have gotten a lot of attention. Jean shared a slide show and asked for feedback. The slide deck will be provided in the PTA newsletter.
 - Ice Cream social was a huge hit – thank you Jen Lee!

b) Internal Relations – Carrie Gray

- Thank you to Danielle and David Pfifferling for getting quotes on replacing the swings (from several years ago) on the playground. Also on the playground – the gaga pit is splitting, if anyone knows of any handy people that can donate their time and skills to fix it.
- Chris Wilson submitted his proposal for a production for this year. Still looking for a parent volunteer to head up organizing. This is *not* an all-school play as in years past, so the volunteer position is not as big of a lift. Still deciding what the program will look like.
- Thank you Stephanie Carpenter for heading up Room Parents. Room Parent call immediately after this PTA Zoom call.

c) Communications – Erin Baynham

- Update your information for the directory in Parent Vue
- Yearbook is created by parent-submitted pictures, so please send them in!
- Kathy Davis is leading the Poetry Journal

d) Fundraising – Liz Cummings

- Merchandise sale is complete! Great success, working with vendor on processing orders. Thank you to Rachel for running that.
- PieTanza fundraiser organized by Maggie Tobin. Earned \$500 for Jamestown.
- Next Up - November book fair
- Reminders: Box Tops app, Amazon Smile, Link Grocery Cards
- VCO Orthodontics is offering a special of anyone who schedules their first appointment for next week

e) Treasurer – Angela Cocker

- Current balance: \$84,897.38
- PTA Budget Vote – Results
- Presented three years' worth of PTA Audits for approval.
- Only about 1/3 of the way to our membership goal. Please sign up! Mrs. McCarthy is offering an extra recess to students if we hit 50% of families signed up for the PTA.

f) President – Shelly Heinrich

- Trish Madden is meeting with the Jamestown School Board Liaison on October 27. Let her know if you have any questions or concerns.
- APS provides Bullying Prevention Resources on their website
- Middle School Info night is October 25th.
- Celebrate Latinx Experience this weekend
- Fall 2021 Boundary Process does not appear to affect Jamestown
- APS is collecting feedback on school resource officers.
- There is a school board meeting this Thursday.

4) **Other Business**

- There was no other business.

5) **Adjourned at 8:25 pm**