

February 2017 Jamestown PTA Meeting Minutes-FINAL

February 6, 2017 7:02pm (Jen Leonard presiding in lieu of Tom Jensen)

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The agenda was approved
- Minutes for January were approved

Guest: Nancy Van Doren, School Board Liaison to Jamestown

- Nancy Van Doren gave a short presentation on APS academic highlights, the APS 3-5 year action plan and the expected population increases, and the South Arlington redistricting. After the presentation, she opened up for questions.
- For the South Arlington redistricting, she stated they will probably move the Montessori program to Patrick Henry, move Patrick Henry to the new elementary school at Thomas Jefferson, and make Drew a new school.
- She said they will reopen Reed as an elementary school. She stated with the numbers they are expecting, all options are on the table.
- A parent asked about the APS Calendar changes and suggested additional modifications-Nancy Van Doren said they will be adding Jewish/Islam holidays to the Calendar. She said they will look into moving Early Release days and lengthening winter break. She requested Calendar concerns be emailed to her.
- She requested information about Jamestown's Safety program and said the Advisory Committee for Transportation will look into the Williamsburg and Glebe issues.
- When asked about HS capacity issues, she reported on Arlington Tech, the current APS approach, and stated they are in the process of doing another study to address the over capacity issues facing Yorktown.
- Nancy Van Doren stated her focus is all APS kids on grade level. Her office hours are 5-7pm.

Safety: Emma Baker

- Emma reported that very few parent volunteers have signed up to help in the mornings. They need more volunteers.
- February is Jamestown Safety Month, from the Safety Pledges, to the billboard in the hallway.
- She said there are 4 intersections of concern and the ACPD are working with the school

Fundraising: Grace Shea

- Auction Update: Shannon Haynes
 - Shannon reported the auction planning is on track. She encouraged costumes
- Spring Fair: Carrie Gray
 - Carrie Gray reported the Spring Fair will be on April 29 and the theme is "Jamestown Just Wants to Have Fun"
- Grace Shea reported the Outdoor Learning Space meeting went well and she hopes the auction numbers will be good enough to do additional work on it.

Outdoor Learning Space: Bethany Matz presented for Jason Marino

- Bethany reported they are hoping to install Phase II before the auction, pending APS approval. Phase II will have a Spinner, benches, the full outline, and the sandpit. She reported the Outdoor Learning Space will have a table at the auction. Phase III will be stumps, swings, and a climbing rock.

Principal's Report: Kenwyn Schaffner

- Kenwyn Schaffner reported 600 students
- She reported that the meeting with Randolph went well and that the Randolph team will attend our March PTA meeting. The two schools will focus on the instructional, fundraising, cultural activities, and professional development areas of cooperation.
- She reported the ASPAN donations have been collected and reminded everyone of ASPAN day on February 12 from 2-4pm.
- She reported that report cards are in process and will go home on February 24.
- She will publish Nancy Van Doren's contact information to the Principal's Message.

Community Relations: Maurine Fanguy

- Maurine reported the Town Hall at Discovery was well attended and energetic. It focused heavily on the inequities between the high schools projections. She stated that the presenters were pushing for a mega high school at the W&L site.
- Maurine reported on the CIP JFAC joint committee bus tour of county facilities
- She reported the MS construction is on track. There are currently no plans for a comprehensive HS but APS must make a decision in December 2017.
- Maurine requested volunteers to knock on School Board doors.
- Maurine led a discussion on what High School experience do you want for your child.

Internal Relations: Jen Leonard

- Jen reported the Play is on track with 128 participating
- Jen encouraged volunteers for the Nominating Committee to get an early start

Communications: Sara Batla

- Sara reported the Poetry Journal is on track and will go to print in April. She requested volunteers to sort and organize the Poetry Journal
- Sara reminded everyone that the Yearbook prices increase March 10 and all orders are due April 17. Group photos are on February 15. Candid photos are due March 17.

Treasurer: Rod Pick

- Rod reported \$87,000 in the bank. The PTA has received 21% of income and 46% has been spent. The Art fundraiser, Wrapping Paper, and Book Fair all came back with increased numbers.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned: 8:35pm

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