

January 2017 Jamestown PTA Meeting Minutes-FINAL

January 3, 2017 7:30pm

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The Agenda was approved
- Minutes for December were approved

Guest: Gordon Laurie, WMS Principal

- Gordon Laurie gave a presentation discussing the alternative block schedule that WMS will be adopting for Fall 2017. Currently the students attend 7 45 minute classes per day with 3 minute passing periods. The new schedule will be M 7 45 minute periods, T/R 4 83 minute classes with 5 minutes passing periods, and W/F 4 83 minute classes with 5 minute passing periods. There will be a daily period for intervention or additional academic exploration.
- There were a lot of parent questions regarding the new schedule. The staff members are still working through the training and logistical planning for the new schedule and Gordon Laurie requested patience.

Guest: Matthew Herrity, Washington & Lee Student

- Matthew Herrity presented on the redistricting and diversity challenges of APS. He discussed the recent redistricting and the resulting effects on student diversity in the schools. He presented the long term and short term benefits of more diverse schools. He presented on the different solutions that other districts have used to balance diversity in their districts.
- Matthew's presentation will be sent out via the PTA Newsletter and placed on the PTA website.

Fundraising: Jen Leonard presented for Grace Shea

- The Auction is in progress. Room parent letters went out this week. Grace asked parents to please not approach businesses for donations.
- Rod reported on the Fall Fundraising numbers: Original Works: 4,600; Splendid: 3,900; Wrapping Paper: 3,000; and the Book Fair: 4,700. These numbers are on track.

Community Relations: Sara Batla presented for Maurine Fanguy

- There will be a Community Town Hall meeting at Discovery on Wednesday January 31 to discuss the need for a 4th comprehensive high school.

Internal Relations-Jen Leonard

- There will be a Disorganization seminar at Wakefield High School for parents on Thursday, January 5th at 7pm.

- Jen reported that Jamestown will be partnering with ASPAN in January and February to collect coats, sweaters, and gift cards. There will be a Jamestown @ ASPAN day on Sunday February 12 at 2pm.

Principal's Report: Kenwyn Schaffner

- Kenwyn Schaffner reported that there will be a Jamestown Day at the Outdoor Lab on Sunday April 2nd.

Safety Committee: Emma Baker

- Emma reported on the progress the Safety Committee has been making. She reported the ACPD will be examining the Albemarle & Delaware intersection for additional crossing guard needs. Monica Roache will be following up with ACPD. Emma also reported that ACPD has flagged issues on 36th Street and illegal parking and turns on Delaware Street. Emma reported the cones seem to be working but the cones keep disappearing and as soon as the committee tries to remove the cones, the problems restart. The Safety Committee will be looking into making Delaware a 1 way street during morning drop off.

Communications: Sara Batla

- The Poetry Journal is in progress
- The Directory is distributed, no extra hard copies remain

Treasurer: Rod Pick

- Rod reported \$70,000 in the bank. The PTA has spent 47.5% of the budget and are on track. Income is on track. No unusual expenses.

President's Report: Tom Jensen

- Tom reported that he met with Randolph's PTA President. Their PTA is operating on community donations. They are struggling to communicate with their parents. The PTA's main focus is a Summer Reading program.
- Tom Jensen, Kenwyn Schaffner, and Monica Roache will meet with the PTA President, Principal, and Assistant Principal. They will be examining the possibility of joint projects.

Outdoor Learning Space: Bethany Matz

- The committee is working through the numbers and will be meeting soon to finalize plans.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned: 9:14pm

Prepared by: Jenn Birdsall, Recording Secretary