

## PTA Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

October 8, 2015 7:39 PM

- Introductions – Attendees introduced themselves.
- Agenda was approved
- Minutes for June and September’s meetings to be reviewed on the PTA website and voted on at the next meeting.
- Principal’s report
  - Kenwyn turned over the majority of her time to ASPAN for a presentation.
    - APSAN is expanding this year’s event with a sock drive. Students are encouraged to bring clean, unused socks for ASPAN to distribute.
    - The ASPAN walk will be October 16.
      - ASPAN will have a table set up at the Jamestown entrance during parent teacher conferences for parents to register their children for the walk.
      - ASPAN has just opened their new Homeless Services Center in Courthouse. The center has a shelter, a resource center, a nursing services program and distributes clothing and allows customers to do their laundry.
      - ASPAN suggests a \$20 entry for the walk.
      - APSAN has volunteer activities year round. Some suggestions for supporting ASPAN are a donation drive and sponsoring a homeless family during the holidays. Donation drives put together goods to help a family transition into a home.
  - Kenwyn indicated Jamestown has 580 students, and the great start has continued. Class sizes are lower this year, and the administration is extremely happy with how well the staff – including the new members are working together.
  - Recess time has been cut by 5 minutes from last year, from 30 minutes down to 25. Arlington County guidelines for recess are for 20 minutes in the elementary schools. Jamestown has one teacher accompanying every class for recess.
    - Recess is NOT taken away from the students as a repercussion.
    - The five minute recess reduction has been moved to a five minute break for teachers to use as a tool in the responsive classroom. Teachers are using the time as a cognitive break, to let the students get up and move. Examples of activities are yoga, running to the end of the field and back, etc.
    - If parents have a concern, please speak to Kenwyn, Heather or the classroom teacher.
  - Online registration for parent teacher conferences went extremely well. There was unanimous agreement (anecdotal observation from the meeting).
  - The Parent Math Academy sessions approved in last year’s special PTA vote have been scheduled. Note: The below contains corrections stated in the Principal’s message from 10/16.
    - 11/18 – Grades K-2 – Number Sense and Operations
    - 12/2 – Grades 3-5 – Number Sense and Operations
    - 2/10 – Grades 3-5 – Fractions and Decimals
    - 2/17 – Grades K-2 – Time and Money
    - 4/13 – Grades 3-5 – Patterns, Functions and Algebra
    - 4/20 – Grades K-2 – Measurement
  - The Halloween Parade will be 10/30 at 2PM.
- Communications – Sara Batla
  - We have added the option of including .jpg to the newsletter.
  - Parents will need to verify information in the student directory by 10/9.
- Internal Relations – Jennifer Leonard
  - We have chairs for the 5k run.

- We have a chair for the Reflections contest.
- We need a poetry journal chair.
- Community Relations – Maurine Fanguy
  - The Reflections deadline is 10/23.
  - We need judges for our Reflections submissions. The judges cannot be Jamestown Parents.
  - We had great participation for the Ice Cream Social.
  - Due to weather considerations, we have moved Movie Night to the spring.
  - We are planning another Folk Dance night – likely in the February timeframe.
  - We are considering a BINGO night.
  - We need a backup for Tom for the CCPTA meetings.
- Fundraising/Treasurer’s report – Rod Pick
  - Safeway has discontinued its school program, and will be starting a new program next year. In lieu, Safeway will be sending us a check for this year for around \$4500 based on our participation from last year.
  - The motion for \$300 to support SEPTA membership passed.
- President’s Report – Tom Jensen
  - Feedback for a long range project was positive. We are looking to set a goal and coordinate an effort to accomplish the goal.
  - We will need to work with the PTA, school and potentially the county to identify and coalesce around an idea to augment our kid’s education.
  - Capacity issues update
    - The county’s estimate to add seats was significantly under the estimates received. Wilson and Stratford are significantly over budget.
    - The new options presented by the school staffers are closer to the budget, but require trade-offs.
    - The proposed changes for Stratford appear to accommodate the preservation concerns.
    - Williamsburg will be acquiring new trailers, and will have 28 classrooms worth of space in trailers.
      - Principal Laurie has organized a committee to plan and review trailer usage.
      - Some options include having a whole class (likely 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>) in the trailers.
      - The group is looking for the trailers to support not just classroom space, but PE, lockers, cafeteria, etc.
      - A decision will be made by the end of the year, and the trailers will be for next year.

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