

PTA Meeting Minutes – APPROVED
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- Introductions – Attendees introduced themselves.
- Agenda was approved
- Minutes for June, September and October meetings were approved.
- Principal's report
 - Kenwyn turned over the majority of her time to Principal Gordon Laurie from Williamsburg.
 - Principal Laurie presented information about the capacity planning ongoing at Williamsburg.
 - Williamsburg has 1138 students at this point, and expects about 100 more next year, and then to be at roughly 1330 for 2018/2019. This volume of students puts a big load on the facility (gym, cafeteria, lockers, library, bathrooms).
 - Per Arlington projections (the numbers above), Williamsburg will need 28 classrooms in trailers. (Note: the Jamestown trailer has four classrooms.)
 - Principal Laurie has established a working group with Williamsburg parents and representatives from the feeder elementary schools to generate options and evaluate potential siting for the relocatables.
 - They are looking to house an entire grade year in the trailers (NOT sixth), in order to minimize the in-and-out of students getting from class to class with the three minutes allowed between classes.
 - The working group is putting together recommendations for APS Facilities to review.
 - A particular concern with the trailers is to ensure the security of students moving between the trailers and main building.
 - Kenwyn yielded the remainder of her time to the meeting, and put her comments in the principal's weekly report.
- Communications – Sara Batla
 - We still have need for a Poetry Journal Chair.
- Community Relations – Maurine Fanguy
 - We have slots for the November snack break with the hospitality committee.
 - We are looking at potentially having Bingo night on January 22.
 - We are planning to do folk dance night the week after the auction.
 - We have a new date for the movie night – 4/29. We have a rain date already in the schedule.
- Fundraising – Grace Shea
 - We are using a new merchandise process this year. We are no longer ordering in bulk and selling the items. We are now accumulating orders online, and then placing orders for those items.
 - We need 24-36 pieces to place an order, and we have been ordering a few extras.
 - We have expanded the offerings to include some nicer adult sizes/colors.
 - The theme for the auction this year is "Lights, Camera, Auction!"
 - Original works can be ordered 11/9-11/27, with merchandise delivered 12/8.
 - The motion for \$300 to support SEPTA membership passed.
- Treasurer – Tom Jensen for Rod Pick
 - Rod and his team have done a great job, and we have another clean audit.
 - The audit report was approved by the PTA.
- President's Report – Tom Jensen
 - President Jensen laid out a schedule for the Capital Fundraising Initiative. The bulk of the effort would be in the 2016/2017 school year.
 - The process will be open and transparent.

- Capacity issues update
 - Delays are a real concern, but the school board appears to want to get this done.
 - It appears that Stratford can support about 1000 students without major impact to gymnasium and cafeteria, etc.
 - The next big hurdle not yet on the visible radar is high school capacity. The Facilities Advisory Committee is turning its attention to this problem now.

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