

PTA Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

December 1, 2015 7:35 PM

- Introductions – Attendees introduced themselves.
- Agenda was approved
- Minutes for November meeting were approved.
- Principal's report
 - Kenwyn reviewed the school management plan.
 - The school management plan details specific areas the administration and staff are concentrating on improving in the current year.
 - The plan will be posted to the Arlington County School site <http://www.apsva.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1601> (the 2014/15 management plan is still posted for most schools on the county site).
 - The plan details the areas of focus for math and reading, along with detailed measures and steps to evaluate the school's improvement against the goals.
 - This year Jamestown is working to improve the SOL scores for Gap Group I, and the number of students passing the SOL with an advanced rating.
 - The math academy sessions for K-2 went very well. Roughly thirty parents attended the session, and the immediate feedback was extremely positive – both from teachers as well as parents.
 - The focus on math instruction has led to more vertical planning in the math curriculum, as kindergarten feeds to first grade, first to second, and so on.
 - Teachers are starting to treat standardized tests as its own genre in order to help the children prepare for taking them.
- Internal Relations – Jennifer Leonard
 - The auction is 2/20, and preparation is underway; we are actively looking for donations.
 - The holiday gift event is also underway. We are collecting gift cards to provide for the less fortunate at Jamestown as well as Barrett elementary.
- Community Relations – Maurine Fanguy
 - The new capacity numbers for APS show an increase of 2.9% for 2015/16. This is lower than expected, but still a good clip for student growth.
 - The new numbers came in the day of the Stratford vote. It was contentious, but the board voted 3-2 to move forward with the Stratford plan.
 - The Wilson school vote is Thursday 12/3.
 - The money to support Stratford and Wilson will be voted on in November of 2016. The CIP packet will be voted/decided in June, and that is what will be voted on in November.
- Communications – Sara Batla
 - Sara initiated a discussion of raising the yearbook costs by \$5. The board determined that we did not need to vote on the idea, but unanimously approved the change anyway.
- Fundraising – Grace Shea
 - The deadline for merchandise orders is midnight Friday 12/4.
- Treasurer – Tom Jensen for Rod Pick
 - Finances continue to look good.
- President's Report – Tom Jensen
 - Jennifer is working to put together the nominating committee.

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