

PTA Meeting Minutes –FINAL APPROVED  
June 7, 2016 7:35 PM

- Everyone introduced themselves
- Agenda was approved as amended
- Minutes for May were approved as amended
- Principal's report
  - Staffing updates will be sent with the last of the year principal's message.
  - The fifth grade classrooms will be on the third grade hallway.
  - Success night will be 6/22 from 6:30-8 PM. Food trucks will be at Jamestown prior to the event for families to get something to eat.
  - Fifth grade promotion is on 6/21.
  - Heather Hurley presented a report on the Makerspace initiative.
    - The Jamestown art teachers have been incorporating STEM into STEAM.
    - They have purchased circuit kits for incorporation into art projects.
      - Squishy circuits – playdough like material that can be used to create circuits; Circuit paint – conductive paint; Copper tape; Conductive sewing kits
    - The teachers also purchased Ozobots, which are small robots that can be programmed through colors on a page.
      - Heather played a video the students made of their Ozobot project. The students were tasked with creating a two dimensional city with a path for Ozobot to traverse while they narrated, and then adding the buildings as a third dimension. The students obviously had a fantastic time with the project.
- The Campus Planning Committee reported on their progress
  - The committee reviewed the process they used to evaluate options and obtain input for the approach
  - The committee has found companies that will do all the work for you (planning/acquiring equipment/installation) as well as companies that will sell the parts for you to do it yourself.
  - The committee used the community input to frame options and goals
    - Work to meet gaps
    - Work to maximize the kids' use of the space
    - Work to make the space accessible
    - All while maintaining a natural focus
  - The committee chose the iStudio group to perform the work
    - They exhibited the expertise and responsiveness that we want, and meet the price point
    - The space will be mixed use including pretend play and a climbing structure
  - The committee recommended an option expected to cost between 35-48k
  - President Jensen will create a statement and run it past the board before presentation to the whole PTA.
- Internal Relations – Jen Leonard
  - Very few vacancies remain for PTA positions.
  - The membership committee is meeting to work on improving usage of membership information
- Fundraising – Grace Shea
  - The AtoZ app will be used for membership dues next year. Payment of dues will be the path to accessing the AtoZ app.
  - Smile.amazon.com only brought in around \$400 this year. We need to look at this.
- Community Relations – Maurine Fanguy
  - Planning meetings with School Board members to encourage them to obtain land for future

school construction.

- For Thursday's School Board meeting, the CIP is not an agenda item, so speakers can address CIP concerns prior to the meeting.
- Communications – Sara Batla
  - Yearbooks are in – distribution is Friday.
  - There is a waitlist for students that did not pre-order a yearbook.
- Treasurer – Rod Pick
  - Rod presented a pro-forma budget to carry us to September.
    - The pro-forma budget passed unanimously which allows us to continue operations through the summer.
  - We have spent 72% of budget for the year.
- President's Report – Tom Jensen
  - Suggestions for improving safety at Jamestown drop-off and pick-up were tabulated and passed to the safety committee chair for review and implementation options
  - The By-Laws were updated per Virginia PTA template, and the new By-Laws were approved.
  - Tom reviewed his highlights from the year:
    - Fundraising!
    - Excellent attendance at events, meetings, committees
    - Great participation in developing energy and ideas
    - PTA funds to support the Makerspace and Classroom Libraries
  - Going forward – How can we better integrate the PTA's efforts to work with other schools in Arlington

Adjourn 9:26.