

PTA Meeting Minutes—FINAL APPROVED

September 6, 2016 7:34

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The Agenda was approved
- Minutes for June were approved
- VA PTA approved the new by-laws

Principal's Report

- Kenwyn Schaffner introduced our new assistant principal, Dr. Monica Roche.
- Jamestown currently has 585 students. 3 Montessori, 2 Preschool, 3 Kindergarten, 4 1st grade, 4 2nd grade, 4 3rd grade, 4 4th grade, and 4 5th grade.
- The trailer was removed in August and everyone is back in the building.
- The computer lab has been converted to a new art room for Ms. Clark.

Guest: John Chadwick, APS Facilities Director

- John Chadwick attended to discuss and answers regarding the positive lead in water tests found at Jamestown in August and the resulting remediation.
 - The district tested 3 samples in each school (the kitchen, the cafeteria drinking fountain & 1 other location)
 - The cafeteria drinking fountain came in above the 'Action' threshold
 - The district then tested the entire school
 - The testing identified the fixtures in the pre 1973 part of the school to be the problem
 - 14 classrooms tested above 'Action' level
 - All affected water sources were immediately turned off
 - The county tested the incoming water to the school—the test was within limits
- John Chadwick discussed the Remediation steps taken
 - All of the fixtures in the pre-1973 portion of the school are being changed out.
 - The changing out process will be done soon
 - The fixtures will be retested before being put back into use
 - The cafeteria fountain will be replaced along with its intake pipes
- Going Forward
 - The district chose to test every drinking fountain across the district—a number have to be replaced
 - Parks & Recreation is testing the community centers
 - The district will implement an every 3 year water testing protocol
- There was an extensive question & answer period
 - There was a request for teachers to accept bottled water—Kenwyn Schaffner said she would direct the teachers to accept it
 - Kenwyn Schaffner explained the layout of the building and when each section was built.
 - Concerns were raised regarding the method of testing and possible changes to the testing protocol—John Chadwick said they followed EPA guidelines, if the guidelines change, they will retest.
 - There was concern for clinical guidance and information from the Department of Public Health. Tom Jensen to follow up with the Department of Health.

- The Chair of the Health Advisory Board (Vera Cardinal) explained clinical lead testing numbers and that above age 5, the body starts to filter it out.
- The question of “Will the district do clinical lead testing?” was asked multiple times. The answer was: not at this time.
- The question of “Will parents be told if kids come back with positive lead tests?” There was a long discussion regarding medical privacy.
- Kenwyn Schaffner stated she would send regular updates regarding the remediation process via APS SchoolTalk.

Principal’s Report Continued

- SOL Results were good. Kenwyn Schaffner will go into details at the October Meeting

Community Relations—Maurine Fanguy

- They need a volunteer liaison to the CCPTA
- Maurine Fanguy reminded everyone to vote on November 8 for the bond referendum for the schools
- She said they are starting the community engagement process for rezoning the high schools and to examine options for expanding high school capacity

Internal Relations-Jen Leonard

- Volunteers are needed for the 1st week of school packet on Friday morning
- Reminder: the meeting for Volunteers in September 23 at 9:15am
- Need a Technology Liaison & a Safety Liaison
- SEPTA Presentation-Jana Dressel
 - Jamestown has 2 liaisons to SEPTA, they explained SEPTA and handed out a flyer
 - They will also attend Back to School Night
- Original Works-Jana Dressel
 - Due Date November 22

Communications-Sara Batla

- Reminder to Opt-In for the Newsletter
- Committee Chairs are all filled

Fundraising

- Grace Shea was absent
- Spring Fair date: April 22
- Auction date: Feb 25

Outdoor Learning-Debbie Gorud

- The trailer removal process took longer than planned
- The I-Studio design is done
 - They will submit the drawing to the newsletter
- They are working on additional donations of time and supplies from General Contractors and Landscape Companies

- They are searching for a General Contractor to oversee the work
- They will provide a more detailed update in October.

Treasurer's Report-Rod Pick

- The PTA ended June with \$140,000 in the bank
- He will present the budget on Back to School Night & the PTA can vote online to approve the budget
- The PTA is planning to spend \$160,000 this year.
- The PTA has increased funding to Art, Instrumental Music, the Horticulturalist, and has \$45,000 set aside for the Outdoor Learning Space
- Rod reported a clean audit

President's Report-Tom Jensen

- Tom proposed to try holding morning meeting as an alternative to the evening meetings. There was significant discussion.
- Tom proposed to establish a By-Law review Committee and requested volunteers

Other Business:

- Wellness Committee-Vera Cardinal
 - Farm to School Friday will continue
 - The fall session of the CSA will Rollout soon
 - The Food Allergy Subcommittee will be meeting before the October PTA meeting.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned: 9:18pm

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