

September 2017 Jamestown PTA Meeting Minutes-DRAFT

September 5, 2017

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The Agenda was approved
- The Minutes for June were approved

Principal's Report-Kenwyn Schaffner

- Kenwyn Schaffner reported a smooth opening day with 63 new students enrolled in August. She reported that a support teacher they hired in the spring will be teaching the fifth 3rd grade class. She reported 2 Montessori classes, 3 Preschool classes, MIPA, 3 Kindergarten classes, 4 1st grade classes, 4 2nd grade classes, 5 3rd grade classes, 4 4th grade classes, and 4 5th grade classes. She report approximately 620 students.
- Back to School Nights will be September 12 for Kindergarten and September 13 for 1-5.
- Kenwyn Schaffner reported the results of the SOL Scores. Jamestown was selected as a Governor's School. The SOL scores showed improvement in the desired areas however, they are aiming for a higher advanced pass rate.
- Kenwyn Schaffner reported that the Math curriculum is changing with additional differentiation.
- Kenwyn Scaffner and the PTA would like to find a way to incorporate Jaguars into the Jamestown curriculum.

Community Relations-Maurine Fanguy

- Maurine Fanguy reported the School Board opted for the Hybrid High School plan with 600 seats planned for the Ed Center and 700 seats planned for Career Center.
- Maurine Fanguy reported the Middle School boundary revision will commence this fall. The south Arlington elementary school boundary revision will also begin. The High School revision will occur in a couple of years as will the Reed School revision process.
- Maurine reported she will be taking a more active role in the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC).
- Maurine Fanguy reported a lot of neighborhood pushback for building in the Carlin Springs area. It is the only open land and JFAC and the County Board know it.
- Maurine requested more parents attend the county board meetings as the parents of the school age kids are not well represented.
- The official numbers of students are taken September 30.

Internal Relations-Shannon Haynes

- Shannon Haynes requested volunteers for the following positions: PTA Secretary, School Play needs shadows, and 1st week of school packet preparation on Friday at 9:15 in the multipurpose room.
- Shannon Haynes reported after school enrichment starts Monday.

- Vera Cardinale-Wellness Committee & APS School Health Advisory Board reported APS has an updated wellness policy that the schools are required to implement, be evaluated for, and publicly announce the results. The policy requires a formal wellness council of staff, the nurse, parents, etc. The policy may increase recess time. The iPad program is under review for filters on the usage. Vera reported the rates of chronic illnesses are increasing.
- Janna Dressel-SEPTA reported that she is now on the Board of SEPTA and that all schools have a liaison to SEPTA. She reported Whole Foods chose SEPTA as their charity to support with 5% of sales from September 20 going to SEPTA. SEPTA will be hosting a Fair on Sunday September 24 at Walter Reed. Alison Cassels reminded the PTA that SEPTA does grants for teachers. She also invited participation in SEPTA's main fundraiser, the Phantom Ball.

Jason Marino & Bethany Matz-Outdoor Learning Space

- Jason reported that Phase I, the trailer space is almost done. The playground is done. Wheat's Landscaping planted some plants. Additional sand will be coming. Shade structures will be coming.
- Jason reported Phase II is the blacktop. The blacktop is in the initial investigation phases as it is county owned, but it will follow a similar planning process as the playground.

Sara Batla-Communications

- Sara Batla reported the Poetry Journal needs a shadow editor. She reported the student directory is in process.
- Sara Batla reported the Website is being reskinned and that Joanne de Toro needs a shadow editor.
- Sara reported Splendid will do Pictures and the Yearbook.
- Sara requested an assistant to help with the newsletter.

Fundraising-Grace Shea

- Grace Shea announced they are shutting down Box Tops and Gift Wrap. She reported all of her chairs are staffed. She is considering adding a wreath fundraiser.
- Grace Shea announced the Book Fair will be November 27. The Auction is scheduled for February 24. The Spring Fair is April 21.
- Original Works is in process. The art teachers have already started it.
- Stacey O'Neill is the new chair of the auction and they are trying to choose a theme.
- Grace Shea announced the grocery programs have basically shutdown.

Jason Marino-Treasurer

- Jason Marino reported the audit is in process. He reported \$100,000 in the bank with \$140,000 in revenue and \$186,000 spent. He requested draft budget changes and requested people vote on the budget. The budget has a new line item Capital Projects to cover large capital expenditures.

President's Report-Tom Jensen

- Tom Jensen announced the October PTA meeting will be held on Oct 3 at 9 am per the arrangement to hold 2 meetings in the morning. Nancy Van Doren and Amy Blaine are scheduled to attend.
- Tom Jensen proposed a comprehensive program review of all of the PTA's activities. Rebecca Ward will assist as the staff representative. Tom requested volunteers to serve on the Review Committee.
- Tom Jensen reported APS is reviewing its building and facility names to ensure they are appropriate.
- Tom Jensen also reported requests to start the meetings at 7pm, for the meetings to offer child care.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned: 9:25pm

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