

## PTA Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2014 7:30 PM

- President Jenson gave a brief introduction reminding everyone that we are working to end PTA meetings by 9:00 PM
- Introductions - APS staff, parents and PTA board members gave brief introductions
- Agenda changes - two items were added to the agenda and one removed
- MInutes from June 3, 2014 were approved
- Special Guest Erin Russo - Principal of the new school - gave a brief presentation and answered parent questions
  - Ms. Russo is spending time this year working to build community for the new school. She has attended and plans to attend further events in the area to meet families coming to the new school.
  - Principal Russo talked about the naming committee for the new school. This group will be working to generate and solicit name suggestions, and then will select a name for the school.
  - Principal Russo will begin the hiring process for staffing the new school in the spring.
- Principal Schaffner's Report
  - Principal Schaffner prepared a slide presentation for the meeting. This presentation will be added to the PTA website.
  - "Follow us on Twitter!" - Jamestown is on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/jamestownaps>
  - The Jamestown staff is working to add Facebook and Pinterest in the coming months
  - Enrollment was higher than expected at 637 students
  - The numbers of students moving to the new school is not yet known
  - iPad deployment expansion - Multiage, 2nd and 3rd grades are part of an expanding iPad deployment within Jamestown. More info to come - watch the Principal's Friday message for more information.
- Communications - Sara Batla
  - The PTA website has experienced a rejuvenating facelift! The website was re-worked with the goals of improving use, communication and making the site mobile accessible.
  - Sign up for the newsletter. A notice is going out with backpack mail to inform/remind parents that they need to sign up to receive the PTA email newsletter.
  - The Jamestown PTA is also on social media. You can follow us on Twitter and Facebook.
  - The directory is in the works already. More information is coming next week in the newsletter.
- Treasurer - Rod Pick
  - Assistant Treasurers are helping out with segmented functions supporting Expenditures, Income and Merchandising.
  - Quickly reviewed the August financials
  - The End-of-Year financial report for 2013-2014 was distributed and briefly discussed. Last year was a good fundraising year for the PTA, and we hope to continue that momentum this year. Most of our expenditures go directly to instructional support.
  - Reviewed the proposed budget for school year 2014-2015.
- Community Relations - Jennifer Leonard
  - PTA dues are \$10 per person
  - Working on assembly of an events calendar that will potentially be available on the website
- Internal Relations - Whitney Glacuum
  - Need volunteers to help with the packets for backpack mail

- Enrichment activity signup is from 9/8 - 9/19 with activities running from 10/6-12/12
- Some positions are still open, and these will be highlighted in the newsletter
- Fundraising - Wendy Noe
  - Giftwrap fundraiser is starting soon
  - Original Artworks fundraiser will be starting soon
  - The Book Fair will be from 12/1-12/5
  - The Winter Social is February 6
  - Please Link/Re-link your grocery store cards. Last year we earned almost 15% of our income from these programs.
- Recording Secretary - Dan Corcoran
  - Minutes from last year's PTA meetings have been loaded to the PTA website.
  - The by-laws and other documents will be added in the coming weeks.
- President - Tom Jensen
  - CIP Update - Jamestown had a team of volunteers supporting and pushing for progress on the middle school overcrowding problem
  - The PTA will continue to focus on what happens to alleviate/handle the overcrowding at Williamsburg. The school is overcrowded now, so we are working on keeping the School Board focused on what to do in 2015/16/17/18 until new capacity is potentially available in 2019.
  - There are three options that the School Board is considering (studying):
    - Build the Wilson School
    - Relocate HB Woodlawn to the Reed school and remodel HB as a middle school
    - Make additions to 4-5 of the existing middle schools
  - A draft letter to the School Board to support the appointment of Nancy van Doren who is running unopposed was presented and discussed. The concensus was to remove language supporting Ms. van Doren in favor of language encouraging the Board to fill the vacant seat.

Adjourn 9:10 PM