

April 2017 Jamestown PTA Meeting Minutes-FINAL

April 4, 2017 7:33pm

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The agenda was approved
- Minutes for March were approved as amended

Guest: Laurie Clark & Mary Gaynor, Art Teachers

- Laurie Clark & Mary Gaynor gave an interesting presentation on the implementation of the STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) program at Jamestown. They recently attended the NAEA Conference and presented on the STEAM program.
- They presented on the circuit program, the art in motion program, the art floats, the OZO Town project, coded drawings, the implementation of the cardboard tools for sculpture and projects, kinetic art, and the 5th grade STEAM challenge day. They recently received a 3D printer and will be integrating it into the curriculum.
- They requested the Visiting Artist budget line be replaced with a STEAM budget line. The PTA will review the request when determining the budget for next year.

Guest: Dani Greene, Pre-K Teacher & Dylan Copenhaver, Boy Scout from Troop 641

- Dani Greene is the school focus person for Outdoor Learning and Sustainability. She is gradually expanding her focus to include the older students with focused programs (ie Honeybees & Squirrel Programs for K-2 and possibly Tracking for 3-5). She does not currently receive PTA funding.
- Her preschool students spend 2.5-3 hours outside each day with a Nature Adventure every Tuesday. She has created an Outdoor Learning Classroom for her preschool students from repurposed materials from home.
- Dylan Copenhaver of Boy Scout Troop 641 approached Kenwyn Schaffner with the request to do an Eagle Scout Project at Jamestown. Kenwyn Schaffner directed him to Dani Greene. Dani Greene & Dylan Copenhaver have coordinated to redesign her existing Outdoor Learning Classroom.
- Dylan Copenhaver presented his design plans for the new Outdoor Learning Classroom and will be doing the labor himself. He proposes to replace the sandbox, the Rock Toss, install a new safer climbing wall, a new stacking station, a bamboo tunnel, mulch, and generally clean up the space. He requested \$1100 from the PTA for materials to complete the project.
- The PTA requested he reexamine his numbers and send back finalized numbers for consideration in the budget.

Principal's Report: Kenwyn Schaffner

- Kenwyn Schaffner provided an update on the pest eradication project. Any and all sightings are being recorded in a log book. Facilities has been filling holes, they will continue to do so over Spring Break.
- Kenwyn Schaffner provided an update on the Migratory Bird Project. Ms. Uche's trip to Nicaragua went well but volcanic activity disrupted communications. Kenwyn Schaffner reiterated the request for internet connectivity funding for the two schools.
- Kenwyn Schaffner reported the Jamestown Day at the Outdoor Lab went very well with 169 people attending. They had lots of reports of it being a relaxing and fun day. Meghan Kalchbrenner proposed having the teachers spend a day there during the pre-service in August.
- Kenwyn Schaffner reported the Randolph Elementary partnership is progressing with partnering on writing projects and the MBP. They are brainstorming additional writing cooperation at the 3, 4, and 5 levels as well.

Outdoor Learning Space: Jason Marino & Team

- The Outdoor Learning Committee gave a detailed presentation of entire process of the creation of the playground and the steps to be taken. The final expenditure came in at \$48,000 which was under budget. They have requested an additional \$45,000 to complete Phase III which includes a spinner, 4 basket swings, more sands, large boulders, additional benches, and landscaping. Pending funding approval, they hope to have the playground elements of Phase III installed by the end of the school year.

Internal Relations: Emma Baker in lieu of Maurine Fanguy

- Emma Baker reported that Maurine Fanguay was attending a HS capacity meeting instead.
- She reported that APS has proposed to redo the neighborhood maps splitting the county into East and West zones.
- This proposal would place Jamestown in the West zone with Claremont becoming our immersion school, and Reed becoming an IB program at the Elementary Level.
- She reported at the Middle School level, this would place Williamsburg as the neighborhood school and Immersion program with Swanson being the IB program, and Kenmore as the Arts integration school.
- She reported at the High School level, Yorktown would be the option with the county wide options still options. For the 1300 seats, the decision is coming down between Kenmore, W&L, and the Career Center.
- Sara Batla will provide a link to the Powerpoint on the website and in the newsletter.

Fundraising: Tom Jensen in lieu of Grace Shea

- They are in the process of the wrapping up the auction
- The Spring Fair is on track.

Communications: Sara Batla

- Sara reported the Poetry Journal is 99% done. It will head to the printer this week.
- She reported Yearbook sales close on April 7

Treasurer: Rod Pick

- Rod reported \$165,455.51 in the bank. The auction numbers stand at \$112,000. The PTA has received 128% of income and 65% has been spent.

President's Report: Tom Jensen

- Tom proposed a contribution to the CCPTA fund stating that most Arlington schools have already contributed. He presented a copy of the bylaws showing that our PTA is supposed to assist the community. There was a debate regarding the amount, whether Jamestown should contribute and what the source of the money should be if Jamestown does contribute.
- Tom referred the issue to the board and to the broad PTA budget vote.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned: 9:50pm.

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