

November 2017 Jamestown PTA Meeting Minutes – Approved

November 7, 2017 7:40 PM (20 people present)

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The Agenda was approved
- The Minutes for October were approved
- Tom Jensen, PTA President, stated that Jamestown’s School Resource Officer, Cpt. Tiffanie Haag, is unable to make the PTA meeting tonight and therefore will not be doing a presentation this evening

Principal’s Report: Kenwyn Schaffner

- Kenwyn Schaffner introduced Scott Miller, ASPAN representative. Scott Miller reported that ASPAN has a strong partnership with Jamestown and many Arlington schools.
- Scott Miller reported that Thursday, November 9th, is the annual ASPAN Walk for the Homeless at Jamestown. The Walk allows ASPAN to share their story with Jamestown students and create awareness of families in need. Scott Miller stated that community awareness and raising funds is an important part of their mission. The more resources they bring in the more people they can help.
- Scott Miller reported that along with the Walk for the Homeless, ASPAN is collecting new adult sock donations from families. The socks greatly benefit homeless people. The socks will be collected in classrooms and presented to ASPAN at the morning meeting held before the Walk for the Homeless on November 9th.
- Scott Miller stated that ASPAN deals with community issues such as food insecurity and domestic violence. He stated that getting people off the street and into a home is another important part of their mission.

Community Relations: Maureen Fanguy

- Maureen Fanguy reported on the APS Strategic Planning Process. Maureen Fanguy reported that APS has invited the community to share input for the 2018-24 Strategic Plan. This input is being gathered through an on-line form for community members, students, parents and APS staff. The form asks for the following input:
 1. What do you want from Arlington Public Schools?
 2. What does success look like for children in the future?
 3. What is on your mind right now?
- Maureen Fanguy reported on Elementary School Redistricting. Maureen Fanguy reported that there would be no boundary changes to Jamestown with the Redistricting Plan. Students attending Jamestown would be zoned for Williamsburg Middle School just as they currently are.

Internal Relations: Shannon Haynes

- Shannon Haynes asked that Jason Marino give an update from the Campus Planning Committee.
- Jason Marino reported on current and potential campus projects, such as the playground (a team of people are working to fix the new swing), improvements to the blacktop (which is APS property not County property), and the pre-school playground, which gets a lot of use and could use some improvements.
- Shannon Haynes reported that many people in the community use the black top and would potentially benefit from improvements such as benches, slides, basketball hoops or soccer nets.
- Maureen Fanguy added that she is trying to determine if there is a reasonable way to create a path around the school property for running or walking, although this would necessitate County approval.
- Shannon Haynes gave an update on the School Play. Students must register by Tuesday, November 28th, to be in the play. Shannon Haynes reported that parent and high school volunteers are still needed for the play.
- Shannon Haynes reported that Jamestown would like to do a 5K Fun Run sometime in the Spring. This would be a fun community building event. Shannon Haynes reported that Megan Cejudo is looking into the run and will draft a running route that Jamestown will have to get approval on.

Communications: Tom Jensen reporting on behalf of Sara Batla

- Tom Jensen reported on the Jamestown Directory. Tom Jensen stated that a few families have not signed up to be in the directory. These families have been contacted about participating.
- Tom Jensen reported that he credits Kerry Meeker for putting the word out to Room Parents about getting families to add their households to the directory.
- Tom Jensen reported that the directory should be out in the next few weeks.

Fundraising: Tom Jensen reporting on behalf of Grace Shea

- Tom Jensen reported that Auction planning seems to be going well so far.
- Tom Jensen asked that Janna Dressel report on the Original Works Fundraiser.
- Janna Dressel reported on the Original Works Fundraiser. Janna Dressel reported that Jamestown is continuing its tradition of working with a company that produces products made from pieces of artwork created by Jamestown students.
- Janna Dressel reported that ordering instructions that feature a small copy of each child's artwork will come home in backpack mail the second week in November.

- Janna Dressel stated that all orders must be placed by November 20th.
- Janna Dressel stated that orders placed will be shipped to Jamestown by December 8th.

Treasurer: Jason Marino

- Jason Marino reported that current funds in the bank are \$67,688. Jason Marino reported that in October, \$18,000 of funds were spent on items such as, Wheats Landscaping, the mariachi band and the play consultant.
- Jason Marino reported that there is \$2,000 in the budget set aside for the 5K fun run that is being planned for the Spring.

President's Report: Tom Jensen

- Tom Jensen reported on the Northern Jaguar Project. The Jamestown PTA is going to connect with them on a fundraising level as well as on an educational level.
- Tom Jensen reported on the Program Evaluation Working Group. Tom Jensen reported that the working group was established by the Jamestown PTA Board to take a fresh look at the PTA's mission. He stated that there are two reasons for doing this:
 1. It is critical that the PTA's activities fulfill the mission of the PTA, and
 2. It is important to consider how the PTA's mission is being achieved. Does the PTA need to make adjustments to meet its mission in the future?
- Tom Jensen reported that the Terms of Reference have been circulated for comment. Tom Jensen reported that the Working Group has a manageable schedule. Tom Jensen reported that Shannon Haynes will be the co-chair from the PTA and that there are a number of Jamestown teachers and staff members who will help evaluate the plan.
- Tom Jensen asked for a vote to the Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference were approved.
- Tom Jensen thanked everyone for attending the PTA meeting

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned at 8:56 pm

Prepared by: Karen Duhamel, Recording Secretary