

January 2018 Jamestown PTA Meeting Minutes – Approved

January 2, 2018 7:35 pm (17 people present)

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The agenda was approved
- The Minutes for December were approved

Guest: Cpl. Tiffanie Haag, APD

- Kenwyn Schaffner introduced Cpl. Haag, the Jamestown SRO.
- Cpl. Haag reported that she has been a police officer for 11 years.
- Cpl. Haag reported that she is the SRO for 6 Arlington schools.
- Cpl. Haag reported that 5th graders are very important to her. She tries to meet with 5th graders in small groups, sometimes during lunch. Cpl. Haag reported that she talks to the kids about how to make good and safe decisions in various areas, including social media.
- Cpl. Haag gave tips to keeping children safe, including, but not limited to:
 - limit social media during the week
 - know what social media sites your kids are on (many are geared to ages 13 and older) and using privacy settings
 - check to see what your kids are posting
 - know your kids online habits
 - monitor kids with out being too nosey
 - have ground rules and boundaries. If kids break these, have consequences
 - keep computers in a central location
 - have conversations with your kids about their online reputation. Kids should not post something that they wouldn't want their parents, principal or a police officer to see
 - know what Apps and online sites are out there and check your kids phones and electronic devices for Apps they may have

Guest: Harrison Simmons, Boy Scout from Troop 641 and former Jamestown student

- Harrison Simmons gave an overview of his Eagle Scout Project. Harrison Simmons would like to build a gravel walkway, approximately 30 feet by 5 feet, from the Montessori playground to the lower field (the Gravel Walkway Proposal).
- Harrison Simmons reported that the cost of the Gravel Walkway Proposal would be \$849.95.
- Harrison Simmons reported that he would like to build the walkway to make the area safer for kids.

- Harrison Simmons reported that if approved, he could begin the project in the next few weeks, weather permitting.
- Harrison Simmons concluded his proposal and Tom Jensen advised him that the PTA would get back to him in a few days with a decision.

Community Relations: Maureen Fanguay

- Maureen Fanguay reported that on December 14, 2017 the School Board voted on and generally approved the Middle School Redistricting.
- Maureen Fanguay reported that for Elementary School Redistricting, the process is just beginning but will be completed by June 2018.
- Maureen Fanguay reported that for High School there is still a lot to be done. The Stratford Construction Schedule is on track as well as the Career Center High School seats.
- Maureen Fanguay reported that the Strategic Planning Process has moved forward. Core values are currently being evaluated but there is still a lot to be done.

Internal Relations: Shannon Haynes

- Shannon Haynes asked that Jason Marino give an update on the outdoor projects. Jason Marino reported that the swings are fixed on the playground.
- Jason Marino reported that he met with Cunningham Recreation (aka Game Time) regarding the blacktop project. Jason Marino reported that Cunningham gave him a bid of \$7,500 for installation of age appropriate basketball hoops, 2 benches, a hopscotch area and to seal the blacktop surface.
- Kenwyn Schaffner added that an option might be to add a natural area at one end of the blacktop.
- Tom Jensen reported that now that we have a bid from Cunningham to begin the blacktop process, the PTA should set aside \$10,000 of the \$20,000 allocated last year from the Capital Expenses Budget for blacktop improvement.
- Tom Jensen reported that the PTA needs a Comprehensive Plan for the drainage issues in the Montessori playground and the proposed walking/running path.
- Tom Jensen asked for a Motion to adopt the blacktop plan. The Motion was seconded and approved.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the first meeting for the Program Evaluation Working Group was held. The Group is evaluating what the PTA is currently doing, the PTA's mission and looking for ways to improve the PTA. Shannon Haynes reported that the Group may send out a brief on-line survey to get feedback.

- Shannon Haynes reported that there will be a Celebrate Calm presentation on February 26th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A discussion ensued about having a second presentation the next day from 9:30 – 11:15 am.
- Shannon Haynes reported that a Ladies Bootcamp will be meeting in the Jamestown gym Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 6:15-7:30 am. Pre-registration is not required and the cost is \$25/class.
- Shannon Haynes asked that Megan Cejudo report on the 5K fun run.
- Megan Cejudo reported that an application went in to the County. The approval process can take up to 90 days. Megan has not heard back from the County yet.
- Megan Cejudo reported that she has two parents who will co-chair the run. Megan Cejudo reported that there is a company that can be hired to do the race registration. There will be race tee-shirts. Payment will have to be made to hire a policeman for the event. Megan Cejudo reported that money has been set aside for these expenses. Once the County approves the application, a Save the Date can be sent out to the JES community.

Communications: Sara Batla

- Sara Batla reported on the Yearbook. Sara Batla reported that Lifetouch, the JES yearbook vendor, does not process checks. All purchases will have to be made on-line with a credit card. Sara Batla reported that the order form will be coming out next week.
- Sara Batla reported on the Poetry Journal. Sara Batla reported that the kids will start writing their poetry pieces in January and the deadline is mid-February.
- Sara Batla reported that nominations have opened for Virginia's Most Outstanding Crossing Guard. Families can nominate our crossing guard Kathy. Nominations are due by Friday, January 12th.
- Sara Batla reported that the PTA Newsletter has been newly revamped. Families will see the new update in Friday's newsletter.

Fundraising: Shannon Haynes reported for Grace Shea

- Shannon Haynes reported that the Auction Committee is looking for donations for the auction.
- Shannon Haynes reported that auction ticket sales are looking strong so far.
- Shannon Haynes reported that JES parents can sign up for auction decorating parties.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the Book Fair generated \$4,500.

Treasurer: Jason Marino

- Jason Marino reported that the JES PTA financial highlights were reviewed for December as follows:
 - Total bank balance at the end of November was \$59,000.
 - Total bank balance at year end was \$75,500. This increase is due in part to income of \$10,000 from the book fair and \$4,500 from the Original Works fundraiser.
- Jason Marino reported that he will put a note in the JES weekly newsletter on how to access and submit expense reimbursement forms.

President's Report: Tom Jensen

- Tom Jensen reported on the Northern Jaguar Project. Tom Jensen reported that 3rd grade teachers will work on putting together a curriculum. This curriculum will be a continuation of learning, similar to the migratory bird project that the 2nd grade teachers do with their students.
- Tom Jensen reported that a senior staff member may do a presentation about the Northern Jaguar Project at the next PTA meeting.
- Tom Jensen reported that there may be a way to fundraise for the Northern Jaguar Project at the school auction.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned at 9:12 pm

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