

## November 2018 Jamestown ("JES") PTA Meeting Minutes – Approved

November 8, 2018 7:15 PM (14 people present)

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

### Principal's Report: Michelle McCarthy

- Michelle McCarthy thanked those who voted "Yes" on the School Bond.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the Community Questionnaire on the Draft APS 2019-20 School Year Calendar voting closes on November 21st.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the APS is working with a consultant (PCG) regarding IEPs and 504s. In order to obtain feedback, parents can complete a survey. The survey closes on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that APS will have a 40 million dollar deficit next year.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that there has been an increase in absenteeism this month, which could be caused by an increase in student illness.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the Halloween parade and class parties that followed went great.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the catapult STEM activity that grades 3 – 5 participated in was a great success.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that report cards come out on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Michelle McCarthy reported that the teacher comments were very detailed.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that COGAT testing was supposed to begin today but was postponed until next week.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that 2<sup>nd</sup> grade testing results have taken longer than expected but the results should be coming soon.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the Principal Chat presentation on The Co-Taught Class Model and Inclusion went very well and clarified some issues for parents.

### Internal Relations: Shannon Haynes

- Shannon Haynes introduced Susannah Crowder.
- Susannah Crowder reported on JES's Farm to Table program.
- Susannah Crowder reported that JES had a visit from the farmers in October.
- Susannah Crowder reported that the farmers brought in soup and set up a table with pumpkins and gourds in the lunchroom.
- Susannah Crowder reported that many of the children really enjoyed trying the soup (more than 50%).
- Susannah Crowder reported that parents can sign up to volunteer via a Sign-Up Genius that is in the JES weekly Newsletter.
- Susannah Crowder reported that the next Farm to Table event will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Shannon Haynes reported on the JES play.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the cast for the play will be announced on November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the name of the play is Shirley Holmes.
- Shannon Haynes reported on the Science Olympiad.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the Science Olympiad just wrapped up.
- Shannon Haynes reported that JES got funding for Science Olympiad and added it to the budget.
- Shannon Haynes reported that there were 27 participants and all had a really great experience.
- Shannon Haynes reported on the Randolph Elementary School Giving Tree.
- Shannon Haynes reported that Randolph has created a digital “Angel Tree” which gives JES families the opportunity to help Randolph families that are in need.

#### External Relations: Angela Cocker

- Angela Cocker reported that the PTA Membership contest was a big success with over 50% participation (223 families this year vs. 174 families last year).
- Angela Cocker reported that JES ended up changing the contest to a cooperative school wide event versus by individual class participation.
- Angela Cocker reported that since the contest goals were met, the students will get an extra recess on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Angela Cocker reported that an option would be to add PTA membership to the Auction checkout when parents are purchasing tickets.
- Angela Cocker reported on the Reflections Contest.
- Angela Cocker reported that there were 24 entries.
- Angela Cocker reported that on November 13<sup>th</sup> winners will be notified.
- Angela Cocker reported that Movie Night was a huge success.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Social Committee is looking into additional events like Movie Night for winter and spring.
- Angela Cocker introduced Kelly Kumar who gave an update on the Community Service Committee.
- Kelly Kumar reported that there are currently 13 community service events that JES does.
- Kelly Kumar reported that the Community Service Committee is going to try to improve these events or do them at specific grade levels.
- Kelly Kumar reported that some of these events include, but are not limited to, the Target field trip, A-Span walk for the homeless and sock drive, Alex’s Lemonade Stand, Valentine’s for Veterans, etc.
- Kelly Kumar reported that there is currently \$1,000 in the budget for these types of community events.
- Angela Cocker introduced Keith Chanon who gave an update on Advisory Council Instruction (ACI).
- Keith Chanon reported that each school has an ACI member.

- Keith Chanon reported that under ACI there are 14 advisory committees.
- Keith Chanon reported that these advisory committees send recommendations to the School Board.
- Keith Chanon reported that in January 2019, the ACI will be soliciting topics.
- Keith Chanon reported that the APS released the results from the “Your Voice Matters” survey. The survey which was conducted in April and May of 2018 provided insight from parents, students and staff on topics such as safety, health and well being.

#### Communications: Shelly Heinrich

- Shelly Heinrich reported that tomorrow is the last day to validate Directory data.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that the hard copies of the Directory will go out after Thanksgiving.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that photos are needed for the JES Yearbook. Photos can be sent to [yearbook-editor@jamestownpta.org](mailto:yearbook-editor@jamestownpta.org) or uploaded to <http://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/sarabatla>.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that there will be a new calendar option that will include all PTA events.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that the calendar has not yet been launched in the PTA Newsletter.

#### Fundraising: Stacey O’Neill

- Shannon Haynes reported for Stacey O’Neill.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the Sign-Up Genius will be going out on Friday to get volunteers for the upcoming Book Fair.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the Box Top Program is going well and that parents should continue to send in Box Tops.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the JES Auction will be on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the theme of the Auction is 70s – Saturday Night Fever.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the link is now open to purchase tickets for the Auction.
- Shannon Haynes reported that JES merchandise sales are complete.
- Shannon Haynes reported on the Original Works fundraiser where parents can purchase their child’s artwork on various products and items.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the Original Works flier will be going home in backpack mail tomorrow.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the deadline to purchase items is November 19<sup>th</sup>. Purchases will arrive before Christmas.

### Treasurer's Report: Jason Marino

- Jason Marino reported that the JES PTA financial highlights were reviewed as follows:
  - Total bank balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was \$71,800.
  - Total bank balance as of October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$72,900.
- Jason Marino reported on the SEPTA Mini Grants.
- Jason Marino reported that there are two Mini Grants that SEPTA has requested due to having more needs than they have funding for.
- Jason Marino reported that the first request is for keyboards for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost for the keyboards is approximately \$800.
- Jason Marino reported that the second teacher request is for a “calm corner,” including, but not limited to a beanbag chair. The cost for this is \$440.
- Maurine Fanguy asked all parents in attendance to vote on each Mini Grant.
- Motion to approve both Mini Grants was unanimously Approved and Seconded.

### President's Report: Maurine Fanguy

- Maurine Fanguy reported that that she read the JES PTA By-Laws and there is nothing in them of substance about how the PTA may spend its money.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that she then went to the Virginia State PTA website but was also unable to find any verbiage of substance on spending.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that she has written a letter to the Virginia State PTA asking for general guidance on PTA spending.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that in December she will share with the PTA her findings.
- Maurine Fanguy reported on Elementary School Boundaries.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that there is a School Board meeting tonight to discuss Elementary School Boundaries.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that JES will not be effected right now.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Middle School Boundaries will be discussed next year.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that there will be a Wellness Committee meeting directly following this PTA meeting.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned at 8:37 PM

Prepared by Karen Duhamel, Recording Secretary