

February 2019 Jamestown ("JES") PTA Meeting Minutes – Approved

February 5, 2019 7:22 pm (14 people present)

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The Agenda was approved
- The Minutes for January were approved

Principal's Report: Michelle McCarthy

- Michelle McCarthy reported that there has been an increase in students with the flu.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that teachers need to encourage students to wash their hands.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that students should get the flu shot.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that a deep clean of the school is being done tonight.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the County is moving towards Standards Based Report Cards ("SBRC").
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Arlington County is mandating this.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Discovery School is currently using this reporting method.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that using this reporting method, students do not receive a letter grade, but rather one of three notations; Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations and Does not Meet Expectations.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES needs its staff to become trained on SBRCs before implementing it and will therefore wait until the 20/21 school year to begin using it.
- Maurine Fanguy suggested that APS provide JES with some information supporting their choice of moving from letter grades to SBRC, to share with parents.
- Maurine Fanguy further suggested that JES collect in a survey format feedback that can be sent to APS regarding SBRC.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that report cards will be sent home with students next Wednesday and that teachers did a great job with their comments.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES just received approval to use the app Newsela. This is a current events and newspaper app.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES will pilot this app this year for use on student ipads and that all grades will use it.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the Summer Activities Fair will be held at Kenmore Middle School on Friday, February 8th, from 6 – 8 pm.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that there will be over 100 vendors at the Summer Activities Fair.

Internal Relations – Shannon Haynes

- Shannon Haynes reported that JES will once again sponsor Randolph Elementary School students who need to go to summer school. This will be done via scholarships for various students.

- Shannon Haynes reported that once teachers at Randolph have their parent/teacher conferences, they will create a sign-up genius that JES parents can access to support Randolph students.
- Shannon Haynes reported that she met with Michelle McCarthy and some JES teachers to look at what PTA funds were used for last year and to decide what to spend funds on for the coming year.
- Shannon Haynes reported that in prior years JES has concentrated on some major outside projects and will now concentrate on some indoor projects such as new furniture.
- Shannon Haynes reported that after the JES auction, the committee will have a better idea of what funds are available to spend next year.

External Relations – Angela Cocker

- Angela Cocker reported that JES day at A-SPAN is Sunday, February 10, from 1-3 pm. JES students, parents and staff can attend to learn how to help end homelessness in Arlington.
- Angela Cocker reported that this will be a fun hands-on open house where students can make Valentine's Day cards and goody bags for A-SPAN clients. Parents, students and staff can also tour the facility. Families are asked to bring a box of cereal to donate.
- Angela Cocker reported that 1st and 2nd grade students are making Valentines to distribute at a Senior Living center. The PTA is providing the materials.
- Angela Cocker reported on the Basketball Fundraiser featuring JES Teachers and Staff.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Basketball Fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 22nd at 7 pm at Yorktown High School. JES teachers and staff will play against teachers and staff from Ashlawn Elementary School.
- Angela Cocker reported that tickets will be sold for \$5 each and that the SCA will choose a local nonprofit to support.
- Angela Cocker reported that the SCA is going to hold a contest to see whose picture makes it onto the t-shirt that will be sold at the event.
- Angela Cocker reported that details and volunteer needs will be announced in a few weeks.
- Angela Cocker reported that 5th graders can buy 2 tickets and that they get first priority.
- Angela Cocker reported that there are a total of 500 tickets for JES and that she is trying to figure out the best way to fairly distribute them.
- Angela Cocker reported on the Nominating Committee.
- Angela Cocker reported that there will be 5 parents participating on the committee; Angela Cocker, Basma Paget, Bethany Matz, Molly Wolff and Tori Rittinger.
- Angela Cocker reported that the committee will fill any and all open positions on the PTA Board, sub-committee and chair positions.
- Maurine Fanguy requested a Motion to Approve the Nominating Committee. Motion was Approved and Seconded. All were in favor.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Social Committee is working on a date for BINGO night.
- Janna Dressel reported on SEPTA.
- Janna Dressel reported that the SEPTA monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13th from 7-9 pm.

- Janna Dressel reported that the topic will be Self-Care for the Caregiver with Dr. Carolyn Noel.
- Janna Dressel reported that the meeting will focus on taking small steps to manage stress at being a caregiver and learning to love and care for yourself.
- Janna Dressel reported that SEPTA is looking for new members.
- Janna Dressel reported that SEPTA is planning an awards night.
- Janna Dressel reported on the CCPTA.
- Janna Dressel reported that the last CCPTA meeting focused on digital devices and the financial impact to students if the devices get lost or damaged.
- Janna Dressel reported that the CCPTA is looking for more schools to partnership with; specifically more authentic partnerships.
- Janna Dressel reported that the CCPTA is trying to figure out how schools can connect with each other and collaborate.
- Janna Dressel reported that the CCPTA has a parent volunteer from Jamestown for the Safety Committee.
- Janna Dressel reported that the CCPTA Safety Committee is looking at best practices and how APS can improve on safety.
- Janna Dressel reported that the CCPTA has requested that JES edit their website to have a link to the CCPTA.
- Keith Channon reported on the ACI.
- Keith Channon reported that the committee meets monthly and considers recommendations from 14 sub-committees.
- Keith Channon reported that the top 10 recommendations will be presented to the School Board for a vote.
- Suzanna Crowder reported on the School Health Advisory Board.
- Suzanna Crowder reported that the Standard of Learning Health Section was reviewed and put out some recommendations, including wash hands before you eat, a flu shot program, redoing some of the turf at schools, addressing mold issues at some schools, etc.
- Suzanna Crowder reported on Farm to Table.
- Suzanna Crowder reported that the program is going well and that the students really seem to like it.
- Suzanna Crowder reported that the farmers have been invited to come and set up a stand at the 5K Fun Run.

Fundraising: Stacey O'Neill

- Stacey O'Neill reported on the JES Auction which is coming up on Saturday, February 23rd.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that the Auction Committee is in good shape.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that parents should buy tickets to the auction now and that the price of the tickets will increase on February 11th.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that a flier will go home in backpack mail this week with information about the auction.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that the Auction Committee will need help setting up at WGCC the day of the auction.

- Stacey O'Neill reported that the JES Spring Fair is Saturday, April 6th, from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that she is looking for volunteers and new game ideas for the Spring Fair.

Communications: Shelly Heinrich

- Maurine Fanguy reported on behalf of Shelly Heinrich as Shelly just had a baby.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that photos are still needed for the JES yearbook.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that photos can be sent to yearbook-editor@jamestownpta.org or uploaded to <http://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/sarabatla>.
- Kerry Meeker reported that she will push this out to Room Parents.

President's Report: Maurine Fanguy

- Maurine Fanguy reported that the new neighborhood middle school, Dorothy Hamm, may be delayed in opening, although they are doing their best to open on time for the new school year in September.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that H.B. Woodlawn School is expected to open on time.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that there is a traffic study currently underway around the Career Center site and that this site may eventually be a high school.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Fleet School is on-track to open next year and the Reed School is on-track to open in 2021.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that school zoning will be looked at again next year.

Treasurer: Jason Marino

- Jason Marino reported that the JES PTA financial highlights were reviewed as follows:
 - Total bank balance as of December 31, 2018 was \$50,532.
 - Total bank balance as of January 31, 2019 was \$44,717.
- Jason Marino reported that the PTA budget is in good shape and that we will get a large cash infusion from the JES auction.
- Jason Marino reported that he should be getting additional money from the Original Works fundraiser.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned at 8:46 pm

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