

January 2019 Jamestown ("JES") PTA Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019 7:09 pm (18 people present)

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

Principal's Report: Michelle McCarthy

- Michelle McCarthy read the thank you note from the principal of Randolph Elementary School in regard to the JES Giving Tree.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES is planning to do the Summer School sign-up again.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES is in a good place as of January. Michelle McCarthy has met with all grade levels.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that kindergarten teacher Mr. Meyers has been on leave but has notified the school that he is not coming back to JES this school year. Michelle McCarthy reported that Megan Callahan will be taking his place.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Bethany Granny has been hired as a MIPA teacher.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that January 17th is the 4th and 5th grade winter band, orchestra and chorus concert.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that there will be tours of JES for new and incoming kindergarten families on two dates; February 14th at 12:45 pm and April 4th at 9:15 am.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that there will be a Basketball Fundraiser featuring JES teachers and staff on Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm at Yorktown High School.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES student Emma Ignat won 3rd place in the county wide Reflections Contest.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that over 100 students have signed up for the JES Run Club. The Run Club is planning on sending out a Sign-Up Genius to get some parent volunteers to help out.

Internal Relations: Shannon Haynes

- Shannon Haynes reported that she filled two cars with gifts for Randolph Elementary School and that the Giving Tree was a huge success.
- Shannon Haynes reported that she will start the process of determining what funds teachers and staff may need for next school year.
- Jason Marino reported on the JES playground swings.
- Jason Marino reported that the swings were fixed but are now broken again.

- Jason Marino reported that JES will have to carefully fight a battle with the vendor to have the swings fixed or replaced and he believes that there should be a 15 year warranty.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the JES play practices began tonight, with the director beginning to select students to play specific rolls.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the play will be on March 14th and 15th at 7:00 pm.

External Relations: Angela Cocker

- Angela Cocker reported that the JES toy drive and Giving Tree were both a huge success.
- Angela Cocker reported that the ASPAN Open House will be held on February 10th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Families can tour the facility and make Valentine's Day cards.
- Angela Cocker asked the Community Service Committee ("CSC") to discuss upcoming community service projects.
- The CSC reported that they currently have 3 members; Kelly Kumar, Heather Bryant and Amy Lorenz and that they could use some additional members.
- The CSC reported that they are currently working on a number of upcoming events, including Valentines for ASPAN and seniors at Sunrise Senior Center, Pennies for Patients, an animal shelter supply drive, and a food drive at the 5K Fun Run.
- The CSC discussed putting community service projects in the JES Newsletters.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Parents' Pilates Night Social will be held on January 16th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.
- Angela Cocker reported on the Basketball Fundraiser featuring JES teachers and staff, which will be held on Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm at Yorktown High School.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Basketball Fundraiser will be a money making event. Funds made will be given to a charity, but the charity has not been decided on yet.
- Angela Cocker reported that there will be t-shirts made that can be purchased and that there will be a 5th grade foul shot contest. Tickets will be sold to attend the event, with 5th graders getting first priority to purchase.
- Angela Cocker reported on the CCPTA on behalf of Janna Dressel.
- Angela Cocker reported that the CCPTA is still looking for a JES representative for the CCPTA's School Safety Committee.
- Angela Cocker reported that there will be a SEPTA Summer Camp Fair on Sunday, January 27th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Walter Reed Community Center.
- Angela Cocker reported that the next Principal Chat will be held on Thursday, January 31st from 9:00 – 9:45 am. The topic will be what to do if you have any concerns about your child's academics and/or behavior and the resources available.

- Communications: Shelly Heinrich
- Shelly Heinrich reported on the Poetry Journal Artwork Contest.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that the contest theme is "It's Time to Play." The deadline to submit artwork is Friday, February 22nd.
- Shelly Heinrich reported on the JES Yearbook.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that JES is now taking yearbook pre-orders and that all orders will be completed on-line this year.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that photos are needed for the yearbook.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that photos can be sent to yearbook-editor@jamestownpta.org or uploaded to <http://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/sarabatla>.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that the PTA is in need of a social media volunteer for the 2019/2020 school year, as Sara Batla will be leaving JES when her 5th grade son graduates.
- Karen Duhamel reported that this is her last year at JES and that her position as Reporting Secretary will need to be replaced.

Fundraising: Stacey O'Neill

- Stacey O'Neill reported that the Book Fair was very successful and a lot of fun.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that the sale of JES merchandise went really well and the merchandise was a big hit.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that the JES Auction is on track and that all of the details are in place. The only items needed are a few more parent parties and live auction items.
- Stacey O'Neill reported that Kerry Meeker, Room Parent Coordinator, will be sending out an email soon to all room parents, to provide information about the class baskets.

Jason Marino: Treasurer

- Jason Marino reported that the JES PTA financial highlights were reviewed as follows:
 - Total bank balance as of November 30th was \$60,086.
 - Total bank balance as of December 31st was \$50,532.
- Jason Marino reported that he is still working on the financial statements.
- Jason Marino reported that the budget is in good shape.

Maurine Fanguy

- Maurine Fanguy reported that the capital project that JES was going to do last year did not get done. The project was to add an outside deck/learning

center. JES therefore has quite a bit of carryover cash and will be getting an additional infusion after the auction in February.

- Maurine Fanguy reported that a Capital Planning Committee will be formed to work on how to spend this money in a way that is beneficial and makes sense.
- Maurine Fanguy reported on the Nominating Committee.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that although it is only January, we have some volunteer positions that will be opening up next year, and these positions need to be filled.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that the Nominating Committee will recommend individuals for each open position. There will need to be a minimum of 5 people on the committee and it is recommended that there is a person on the committee from each grade level.
- Maurine Fanguy reported on the discussion group Challenging Racism, which will begin on January 9th. Challenging Racism is an 11 week program, sponsored by the PTA and free to participants.
- Maurine Fanguy reported on last years' Program Evaluation Survey.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Shannon Haynes headed up this survey where she looked at survey responses and made changes based on the responses.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that the PTA may want to discuss the following topics at future PTA meetings:
 - how to get involved and connected at JES;
 - what is Responsive Classroom;
 - how to determine if your child is gifted and gifted services;
 - internet safety; and
 - kindergarten parent night
- Maurine Fanguy reported in December zoning was completed for South Arlington schools.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that in the next phase, all schools will be affected, including JES.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that it is unlikely that JES will be an option school, but that it is always a possibility.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that a new neighborhood middle school, Dorothy Hamm Middle School, will occupy the current space where HB Woodlawn School is, beginning in September 2019.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that there is a \$43 million budget deficit for APS next year.
- Maurine Fanguy introduced Keith Channon, contact person for the PTA's Advisory Council on Instruction.
- Keith Channon reported that the Minutes for the December SEPTA and Special Education Advisory Committee meeting should now be posted to the website.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that JES parent Krista Boyd won 2 tickets to the JES Auction for attending the PTA meeting (her name was drawn at the meeting, from a pool of all meeting attendees).

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned at 8:21 PM

Prepared by Karen Duhamel, Recording Secretary