

March 2019 Jamestown ("JES") PTA Meeting – DRAFT

March 5, 2019 9:05 AM (11 people present)

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The agenda was approved
- The minutes for February were approved

Principal's Report: Michelle McCarthy

- Michelle McCarthy reported that Sara Putnam, the APS Director of Curriculum, is coming to the next JES PTA meeting to talk about Standards Based Report Cards.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that we have used 4 of the 10 snow days that are built into the APS calendar.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up and parents should come prepared with specific questions in order to get good feedback.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Pennies for Patients is still going on and runs until March 15th.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES is a bit behind on its goal of \$8,000 and currently has collected \$2,000 for Pennies for Patients.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that JES is looking for a representative for Pathways for Students. This involved students from Pre-K through 12th grade.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that there will be a Pathways meeting on March 21st.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Saint Ann's is presenting the documentary SCREENAGERS on March 18th from 7-9 PM. The documentary depicts teen struggles with social media and internet addiction.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the Lost and Found is overflowing and will be set out in the front hall during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Internal Relations: Shannon Haynes

- Shannon Haynes reported on Farm to Table on behalf of Suzanna Crowder.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the farm JES uses is going out of business.
- Shannon Haynes reported that since the program has been so well liked by JES students, Suzanna Crowder would like to try to find another farmer to continue this program.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the Spring Enrichment Program is open and enrollment will end on March 12th.
- Shannon Haynes reported that there are a lot of fun Spring Enrichment classes, including Ultimate Frisbee, Cooking and Floor Hockey.

- Shannon Haynes reported that the JES play, Shirley Holmes and the Curse of the Missing Crown is on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 14 and 15, at 7:00 PM and that everyone should go see it.
- Shannon Haynes reported on SEPTA.
- Shannon Haynes reported that there will be no monthly SEPTA meeting this month, but instead there will be a screening of the movie Intelligent Lives on Saturday, March 30th from 10-12 AM at Williamsburg Middle School.
- Shannon Haynes reported that SEPTA will hold its annual Thank You Breakfast for APS bus drivers at the Bus Depot on March 29th.
- Shannon Haynes reported that SEPTA is accepting nominations for Awards for Excellence in Supporting Special Education until April 1st.
- Shannon Haynes reported that the awards will recognize exceptional teachers, parents, support staff or students who have gone above and beyond to help students of all abilities.
- Shannon Haynes reported that SEPTA's April meeting will present Growth Mindset and The Power of Yet. This meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 7-9 PM.

External Relations: Angela Cocker

- Angela Cocker reported on the Nominating Committee.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Nominating Committee met last week and put together an outline of people to get in touch with to fill open volunteer positions and volunteer opportunities at JES.
- Angela Cocker reported that emails were sent out to various people to see if they were interested in filling open positions and that she has already received some positive responses.
- Angela Cocker reported that Suzanna Crowder will be taking over as Recording Secretary, replacing Karen Duhamel.
- Angela Cocker reported that she will also send notification of open volunteer positions in the JES Newsletter.
- Angela Cocker reported on the Staff Basketball Fundraiser which will be held on Friday, March 22, at 7:00 PM at Yorktown High School ("YHS"). The basketball game will be JES Staff against Ashlawn Staff, with a half-time shootout between JES and Ashlawn 5th graders.
- Angela Cocker reported that she had a meeting at YHS with its athletic director regarding the game.
- Angela Cocker reported that JES gym teacher Mr. Bowles is reviewing etiquette and rules and doing a basketball unit in gym class.
- Angela Cocker reported that a flier about the Basketball Fundraiser is going home on Friday in backpack mail.
- Angela Cocker reported that 5th graders will get priority in purchasing tickets. They will be able to purchase a ticket for themselves, a parent and any JES siblings. Next, 4th graders can purchase and lastly, K – 3 will have an opportunity to purchase tickets.
- Angela Cocker reported that JES Staff can get in by showing their JES badges but will need to purchase a ticket if they are bringing someone.
- Angela Cocker reported that tickets are \$5 each and that JES can sell a total of 500 tickets.

- Angela Cocker reported that the SCA chose the Make-A-Wish Foundations to donate all proceeds from the Basketball Fundraiser.
- Angela Cocker reported that JES will have a resource officer at the basketball game.
- Angela Cocker reported that parent Valerie Diehl will purchase all of the concessions and then will be reimbursed by the JES PTA. Concessions will include pizza, candy and bottled water.
- Angela Cocker reported on Valentine's Day.
- Angela Cocker reported that Valentines, made by JES students, were delivered to 2 different Senior Centers and were greatly appreciated.
- Angela Cocker reported that the A-SPAN program was a huge success.
- Angela Cocker reported on the Community Clean-Up Day.
- Angela Cocker discussed whether a Clean-Up Day is necessary this Spring or whether JES should wait until the Fall to do it.
- Angela Cocker reported on the JES 5K Fun Run.
- Angela Cocker reported that the JES 5K Fun Run will be held on Saturday, May 4th.
- Angela Cocker reported that the 5K Co-Chairs are currently working on the details of the run.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Community Service Committee is considering collecting money for the Animal Welfare League at the Fun Run.

Communications: Shelly Heinrich

- Shelly Heinrich reported on the JES Yearbook.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that the price of the yearbook went up \$5.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that yearbooks can be ordered now until April 12th.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that a few teachers need classroom pictures of their students for the yearbook.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that a reminder for parents to submit yearbook pictures will go out in JES weekly Newsletter.
- Shelly Heinrich reported on the Poetry Journal.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that a few parents are editing the Poetry Journal this week.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that art work winners will be selected this week and that selected artwork will be put in the Poetry Journal.

Fundraising: Shannon Haynes reporting for Stacey O'Neill

- Shannon Haynes reported that the JES Auction netted \$92,474. The budget was \$79,500. The auction was a great success.
- Alison Cassels reported on the Spring Fair, which is Saturday, April 6, from 10 AM-2 PM.
- Alison Cassels reported that volunteers are needed for the Spring Fair, including volunteers to run the Cake Walk and Face Painting rooms.
- Alison Cassels reported that high school students can get community service hours for helping out and can fill in some of the volunteer needs.

- Alison Cassels reported that the Spring Fair Committee is looking for disco themed ideas for a game.

Jason Marino: Treasurer's Report

- Jason Marino reported that every year the JES PTA gets audited.
- Jason Marino reported the audit this year is clean.
- Maurine Fanguy called for a Motion to Approve the audit. The Motion was Seconded.
- Jason Marino reported that the JES PTA financial highlights were reviewed as follows:
 - Total bank balance as of January 31, 2019 was \$44,717.23.
 - Total bank balance as of February 28, 2019 was \$51,579.21.
- Jason Marino reported that the bank balance will increase once the funds from the JES auction are added.

President's Report: Maurine Fanguy

- Maurine Fanguy reported that it might add benefit to have blinds installed in the multi-purpose room. There are numerous windows high up on the wall that let in a lot of light. Currently there are no window treatments at all.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that she has no idea of the cost of window treatments for the multi-purpose room but she will do some investigating.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Shannon Haynes did a survey last year looking for parent feedback on various areas.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that one thing that came to light from the survey was that PTA meetings are too long. In addition, speakers who talk about issues specific to school may bring more parent attendance at PTA meetings.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Sara Putnam will speak at the next PTA meeting on Standards Based Report Cards.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Success Night will be Thursday, June 13th.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Field Day is being recommended for the last week of school.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Friday, June 14th is the 5th grade pool party at Overlee Pool.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Prepared by Karen Duhamel, Recording Secretary