

April 2019 Jamestown ("JES") PTA Meeting Minutes - Approved

April 2, 2019 7:15 PM (17 people present)

- Everyone introduced themselves
- The Agenda was approved
- The Minutes from March were approved

Principal's Report: Michelle McCarthy

- Michelle McCarthy reported that today is the first day of the 4th quarter.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the JES teachers are working on report cards.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Pennies for Patients was a huge success.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the 5th grade students will be attending the Outdoor Lab May 13 – 15th.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that SOL testing will begin on May 13th.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that from now until mid-May there will be Spanish tests taken by students, which collect data and accountability. These tests are taken every 2 years.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that there will be an author coming to JES on April 9th.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that the PE teachers have looked into having Jumping Jill come to JES at the end of the school year.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that June 17th is Field Day.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Success Night is June 13th.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that Darcy Compton has volunteered to be our representative for Instructional Pathways.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that we need to encourage parents to register their children for kindergarten.
- Michelle McCarthy reported that this Thursday is the 2nd tour of JES, specifically for parents of incoming kindergarteners.
- Michelle McCarthy introduced Keith Channon, who reported on the APS Budget.
- Keith Channon reported that at the last ACI meeting, budget issues were reviewed.
- Keith Channon reported that he and the other representatives broke into working groups.
- Keith Channon reported that APS has an \$8.9 million deficit. Tier 1 cuts are needed to address this deficit. There will be some fairly significant cuts made to make up the deficit.
- Keith Channon reported that parents can still speak up in favor of keeping certain programs which are proposed to be cut. They can do this via email or letters to the school board.

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Keith Channon reported that there was a school board meeting last week. In addition, on April 12th the school board will present their findings to the county board. There will be a public hearing on May 2nd and the budget will be adopted on May 9th.

Internal Relations: Shannon Haynes

- Suzanna Crowder reported on Farm to Table.
- Suzanna Crowder reported that the current farmer JES uses is going out of business and will no longer be coming to JES.
- Suzanna Crowder reported that she has found a new farmer to come to JES. This farmer will come in for the next three scheduled farmer visits and they will also come next school year.
- Kerry Meeker reported on Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Kerry Meeker reported that Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th – 10th.
- Kerry Meeker reported that she will schedule a meeting with all Room Parents to discuss the details of Teacher Appreciation Week.

External Relations: Angela Cocker

- Angela Cocker reported on the Nominating Committee.
- Angela Cocker reported that the Nominating Committee met and they focused on filling open co-chair positions.
- Angela Cocker reported that there are still a few open positions to fill, including, an Assistant Treasurer to work with Jason Marino, an Enrichment Committee chair, and an Auction chairperson.
- Angela Cocker reported that 4th grade parents are needed to help with the 5th grade promotion. The 4th grade parents would be helping with the party after promotion.
- Angela Cocker reported on the Staff Basketball Fundraiser.
- Angela Cocker reported that the fundraiser was a huge success and raised \$2,982 after expenses.
- Angela Cocker reported on the JES 5K.
- Angela Cocker reported that the JES 5K will be held on May 4th at 8:00 AM.
- Angela Cocker reported that we are currently low on registrants.
- Angela Cocker reported that Kerry Meeker will send out an email to Room Parents asking them to remind parents about the 5K.
- Angela Cocker reported that the biggest expense associated with the 5K is the police needed to help block off streets.

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- Angela Cocker reported that there will be prizes added this year and also a charity-the Animal Welfare League.
- Jenna Dressel reported on the ACI/CCPTA.
Jenna Dressel reported that there may be some pretty big transportation changes down the road.
- Jenna Dressel reported that there have been a few workshops set up to discuss transportation changes-April 3rd and 6th.
- Jenna Dressel reported that there is also an online survey available through April 12th.
- Jenna Dressel reported that APS Transportation is looking at consolidating bus stops and perhaps using ART buses for high school students.
- Jenna Dressel reported that the next SEPTA meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10th, from 7:00-9:00 PM. The topic will be Growth Mindset and the Power of Yet.
- Angela Cocker reported that Bingo night will be Friday, April 26th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the multi-purpose room and that Dr. Roache will be the Bingo caller.

Communication: Shelly Heinrich

- Shelly Heinrich reported on the Poetry Journal Artwork Contest.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that there were 9 winners.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that there are parent volunteers doing the final edit on the journal and that it will soon go to print and will take about 6 weeks to get back.
- Shelly Heinrich reported on the Yearbook.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that she is good on Yearbook pictures.
- Shelly Heinrich reported that April 12th is the last day that students can order a Yearbook.

Fundraising: Stacey O'Neill

- Alison Cassels reported on behalf of Stacey O'Neill.
- Alison Cassels reported that the Spring Fair is on Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 – 2:00.
- Alison Cassels reported that she has a good amount of volunteers.
- Alison Cassels reported that they only did short sleeve t-shirt this year.
- Alison Cassels reported that she could use some additional second-hand treasures.

Treasurer: Jason Marino

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- Jason Marino reported that the JES PTA financial highlights were reviewed as follows:
- Total bank balance as of March 1, 2019 was \$51,579.21.
- Total bank balance as of March 31, 2019 was \$141,752.21.
- Jason Marino reported that the JES Auction netted approximately \$100,000.
Jason Marino reported that we have \$20,000 that we budgeted for furniture and alternative seating for classrooms as well as other classroom items.
- Jason Marino reported that we should decide what to do with these funds in this school year.

President's Report: Maurine Fanguy

- Maurine Fanguy reported that we need to put together a slate of open PTA positions to be voted on. Currently Internal Relations and Recording Secretary are open.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that the open positions are open to everybody so for formality purposes and transparency we have to have an open slate and then a vote in June.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that the open positions will be published in the JES Newsletter.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Sarah Putnam will be coming to the next PTA Meeting on May 7th.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Sarah Putnam will be discussing Standards Based Grading.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that Standards Based Grading will be rolled out to all APS students.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that with Standards Based Grading no grades are given, but a more detailed description of student progress is given.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that there will not be a change in teaching methods at JES or any other schools, just a change of growth mindset.
- Maurine Fanguy reported that JES will roll out Standards Based Grading in the 2020/21 school year.

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Adjourned at 8:50 PM

Prepared by Karen Duhamel, Recording Secretary