

## October 2019 Jamestown PTA Minutes - DRAFT

October 1, 2019

- Everyone introduced themselves
- Agenda was approved
- Minutes from September were approved

Principal's Report: Michelle McCarthy

- Walk and Bike to School Day is tomorrow. Teachers will be available to help in the crosswalks
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on October 24 (½ day) and October 25 (whole day). The link to sign up will come out early next week.
- Halloween is coming! A reminder that costumes should be kid-friendly (no masks, guns, weapons, etc.) Also, a reminder to not use plastic bottles at class parties – kids can use their own water bottles. Kerry Meeker will mention this at the Room Parent meeting tomorrow.
- To continue growing the Kindness Rocks project, Ms. Gaynor offered to help paint rocks with parents from 6:30-7:00 before another PTA meeting. We are hoping to make more rocks to distribute in the community.

Guest Speaker: Gabby Goodson from ASPAN

- Gabby is the Volunteer Coordinator with ASPAN.
- The ASPAN Walk at Jamestown will be held on November 1. Information will be sent out closer to the date.
- There will be a sock drive leading up to the walk. ASPAN is running low on men's and women's socks (men's socks are generally better to donate because women can also wear them).

VP, Internal Relations: Shannon Haynes

- The After-School Enrichment Program began this week and is off to a great start. Sophia Babcock and Kelly Matoney did a great job selecting a variety of classes. Enrollment numbers are up from last year: there are 22 classes (Fall 2018: 12) and 254 participants (Fall 2018: 176).
- The PTA approved funding to update the Courtyard so that it can be used by more students and teachers. Weiler's will be doing the work during Parent/Teacher Conferences and will install a new walkway in addition to landscaping. Everyone is very excited about this project!
- Kerry Meeker announced that there will be a Room Parent meeting in the MPR on Thursday, October 3 at 9:00am.

VP, External Relations: Angela Cocker

- Thanks to everyone for coming to ice cream social! If you enjoy the Ice Cream Social, please consider signing up to Chair the event next year and we will need new Chairs.
- Movie night will be this Friday night, October 4. "The Peanuts Movie" won the vote from the students. Bring a blanket – popcorn will be provided.
- There will be an activity right before movie night that Mrs. Freeman leading. She is going to bring out 2 rain barrels and have kids decorate the rain barrels with their handprints. This will start at 6:00 and will be set up by the door where the kids are released. The movie will start at 6:45/7:00.
- Membership Update: Currently, 42% of families are signed up which is great compared to past years. There is a school-wide contest going on. If 50% of families join by October 31, every class will get extra recess on November 1.
- Parent socials start this week and will run through November.
- Sarah Trimmer reported that the Reflections Contest is open. This is a National PTA arts contest that starts at the school level. The categories are music composition, dance choreography, photography, visual arts, literature and film production. The deadline is October 28 and the winners will be announced for the school level during the second week of November. The winners then go to the County and Regional level. We are currently in need of a Literature judge to judge just the school level entries. It cannot be someone affiliated with JES and the time commitment is minimum.

- Jean McCarty reported that all ACI committees are looking for new members. They cover about 12 subject areas and review curriculum and make recommendations for improvements. The will be information coming out in Friday's newsletter.
- Kate Williams, our new CCPTA rep, reported that on the September 23 CCPTA meeting:
  - Custodial Workers Appreciation Day is tomorrow (October 2)
  - There will be a safety forum October 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm at TJ Middle School. They are looking for representative from each school to talk on a county level about safety issues.
  - The next SEPTA meeting will be October 10 at 7:00pm.

VP, Communications: Shelly Heinrich

- The A to Z directory is on different timeline this year – it will be later than normal. APS forms (which are the source of the directory information) were moved online and currently only about ½ of parents have filled them out which has delayed the Directory. The deadline from APS is October 31. Once that has passed, Shelly can work on the directory.
- For Yearbook photos, please email high-res images (always do 'actual size' if sending by phone).
- Email Shelly by Wednesday night if you have something to go in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Jason Marino

- The 2019-2020 budget passed by a vote of 144 to 3.
- As of the end of August, we had \$100,424.60 in the bank. At the end of September, we had \$87,787.26 in the bank.

VP, Fundraising: Stacey O'Neill

- Shannon and Angela reported for Stacey. We will have 3 Restaurant Nights this year where a portion of the proceeds come back to Jamestown. The restaurants are Old Dominion Pizza, Chipotle and Lebanese Taverna. If there is anyone who can help promote these events, please contact Stacey.

Motion to adjourn, seconded.