

March Jamestown (“JES”) PTA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

March 3, 2020 7:10pm - 14 people present

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

Principal’s Report – Michelle McCarthy reported on:

- The school received a thank you note from ASPAN for the Valentines drive
- Your Voice Matters Survey
- Travel to School Survey forthcoming – please fill out and provide feedback to help make transportation plans for coming years
- Please register for Kindergarten as early as possible
- Covid-19 school preparations – hand washing, keeping hands off face, sneeze and cough into elbows and the staff is doing additional cleaning

Internal Communication Report – Shannon Haynes reported that:

- The play is next week – March 12 and 13 @ 7pm
- Playground options have been received and are being reviewed for cost and feasibility; this is to replace the broken swings

External Relations Report – Angela Cocker

- Staff Basketball Game March 27 at Yorktown; fundraising for Make a Wish foundation and are including a 50/50 raffle and t-shirt sales for additional fundraising. 1,000 tickets are available and we do foresee selling out. These will go on sale the week before the game. Activities at the game will include a relay race (Ashlawn v Jamestown), etc.
- Hospitality committee is shared by three volunteers but this is always open for more volunteers; one slot is Friday during the conference day and available for help.

Fundraising – Carrie Gray reported that:

- Spring t-shirts will not be done this year as we don’t make money on them; the 5K and basketball game shirts will be available as well as all leftover Jamestown swag. T-shirts will be ordered for the staff. Theme for the Spring Fair is red/white/blue. New signs will be bought for this year.
- Maurine reported that the auction was successful and fun! There is still some online auction items available on the website.

Communications – Shelly Heinrich reported that:

- Erin reported on yearbook status – photos are needed; room parents are being asked to pull photos from the Kinder and 1st grade Shutterfly classroom pages. Cover theme is Kindness Rocks.
- Shelly reported that yearbook orders can still be submitted until April 10. After that time, there will be a waitlist. Class photos will be included this year.
- Poetry Journal is being edited; Shelly is looking for another editor to help with review. May is the target time frame for release.

Treasurer – Jason Marino reported that:

- \$41,636 in February and ended up at 70,582 at the end of the month which includes some of the auction proceeds.

Maurine Fanguy reported on nominating process for 2020-2021 school year PTA board seats:

- Positions on the board are two year terms
- President, External Relations, Internal Relations, Fundraising (Auction Chair is already identified)
- A nominating committee should be formed in March for this process – Maurine asked for approval of the seven members that volunteered; this was approved
- March 31st PTA meeting will be added to the calendar to present the slate of officers that are nominated (as well as additional nominations from the floor during that meeting). At least 10 people need to attend this meeting in order to vote in the slate of nominees.
- The slate will then be published and voted on during the May 5th 9am PTA meeting. At least 10 people need to attend this meeting in order to vote in the board.

Michelle McCarthy reported that FLES planning is in flux:

- The FLES program is not currently budgeted for the coming school year. This will be voted on May 7th during the school board meeting. In parallel but not related, Arlington needs an additional 40 English learner teachers to abide by a court ruling on inequality from the DOJ. Current FLES teachers in some schools will be reallocated for this requirement since they have the necessary certifications.

Maureen Fanguy reported on school redistricting efforts:

- This will start in early Fall. No major updates on this until after this school year.

Maureen Fanguy made a motion to the PTA concerning the Challenging Racism program:

- Challenging Racism program is offered as an 11 week program; Discovery has done a smaller format, three part session, accommodating about 20 parents plus additional sessions for teachers. The cost for doing something similar at Jamestown would cost \$7500. Maurine opened this up for discussion.
- There was a suggestion and ask for volunteers to organize a Diversity Committee to explore this and other initiatives for next school year

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Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm