

## MINUTES

Meeting began @ 7:06pm and was recorded.

### PTA UPDATES

#### Planning for SY 2021-2022: Need volunteers for almost all positions

- PTA for next year – we need as many volunteers as we can get – esp. for president and vice-president, fundraising, memberships
- **PTA is crucial – there has never not been a PTA at the school!**

**Remember everyone can play a role so please reach out and get involved!**

#### **Leadership Team for SY 2021-2022:**

<b><u>President</u></b> (6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent):	<b>vacant</b>
<b><u>Vice-President</u></b> (President-elect) (6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent):	<b>vacant</b>
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	Jasmine Hayes
<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	Natanya Blackwell
<b><u>Communications:</u></b>	Amy Stalzer
<b><u>Fundraising:</u></b>	<b>vacant</b>
<b><u>Memberships:</u></b>	<b>vacant</b>

**Succession planning is under way – it is critical that we have a PTA President – please consider joining the Leadership Team for the upcoming school year!**

#### **Questions? Want to learn more?**

- Reach out to us at [president@tjmspta.org](mailto:president@tjmspta.org) to set up a call, ask questions, and discuss how you would like to participate in the PTA next year. Everyone can play a role so get involved!

**Visit our PTA page (<https://jefferson.apsva.us/pta/>) to learn about all the ways you can participate in and support Thomas Jefferson Middle School.**

- The PTA has had a significant impact supporting the school throughout the year (school and family needs); it functions as a team (executive meets bi-weekly, each takes a lead role to support the PTA as a whole); we are working to support a succession plan for the school year this coming year and next year.
- Cannot stress enough the importance of having a middle school PTA – please consider volunteering your time to ensure the best possible year for our school.

### TJMS PTA: ADDITIONAL ROLES

- **Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning (ACTL): Need 2 PTA Reps for TJMS plus volunteers for Content Committees for SY 2021-2022**

To learn more: Rebecca Hunter, ACTL Chair @ [rhunter0811@gmail.com](mailto:rhunter0811@gmail.com)  
See attached flyer.

### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Wednesday, June 16th**

***Virtual Promotion Celebration from 5pm-6pm (DJ, music, games) – info including links to join forthcoming.***

**Thursday, June 17th**

***Virtual Promotion Ceremony from 12:30pm-1:30pm will be shown on AETV – info including links for families forthcoming (the recording can be downloaded); students will be able to access the link and watch the recording as well.***

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – early release (last day of school)**

***Promotion Certificate and T-Shirt Pick-Up from 1pm-3pm – info forthcoming (students will be able to drop off any materials that must be returned to TJMS as well as pick-up their promotion certificate, any awards they may have received, and the t-shirt).***

***Volunteers needed: 12:30pm-3:30pm to help with set-up, distribution of t-shirts, and clean-up. If available, please reach out to Jackie: [parsoj2002@yahoo.com](mailto:parsoj2002@yahoo.com)***

### **FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION**

Help us congratulate our 8th graders on their accomplishments and hard work. The PTA is raising funds to ensure that every 8th grader receives a commemorative TJMS t-shirt at the end of the school year, and \$3,000 is our fundraising goal.

Every donation helps us reach our goal – thank you for donating: <https://thomas-jefferson-middle-school-pta.square.site/>

### **YEARBOOK/SCHOOL PHOTOS UPDATE**

Order your yearbook: <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1120272/Jefferson-Middle-School/>

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS OFFERED IN SCHOOL:**

**Hybrid Students:** May 24-28 for grades 6 and 7

**Virtual Students:** Portraits on Monday testing days

### **SUBMIT YOUR CHILD'S PORTRAIT FOR THE YEARBOOK:**

**<https://jefferson.apsva.us/post/yearbook/>**

**English:** [https://jefferson.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2021/04/YBK-My-Portrait-Step-by-Step\\_final\\_English.pdf](https://jefferson.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2021/04/YBK-My-Portrait-Step-by-Step_final_English.pdf)

**Spanish:** <https://jefferson.apsva.us/wp->

[content/uploads/sites/22/2021/04/updatedYBKSpanish-version-My-Portrait-Step-by-Step\\_w-arrows\\_Spanish-Translation.pdf](https://content/uploads/sites/22/2021/04/updatedYBKSpanish-version-My-Portrait-Step-by-Step_w-arrows_Spanish-Translation.pdf)

**Email Mr. Anderson with any questions [Jeffrey.Anderson@apsva.us](mailto:Jeffrey.Anderson@apsva.us)**

### **WELCOME RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND RETURNING TJMS FAMILIES**

**In addition to current TJMS families, we were joined by rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade families from ATS, Campbell, Fleet and Long Branch.**

Ms. Keisha Boggan, Principal  
Ms. Diana Jordan, Assistant Principal, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mr. Vincent Jarosz, Assistant Principal, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mr. Robert Hanson, Assistant Principal, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Ms. Stephanie Smith, Equity Team Lead  
Mr. Kip Malinosky, IB Program  
Mr. Dante Hicks, Director of Counseling Services  
Ms. Susan Russo, Program Counselor  
Mr. Jeremy Siegel, Extracurricular Activities

Ms. Boggan again stressed importance of the PTA and joining to fill vacant positions; this is a team effort where we all work together:

- Support from the PTA helps with mini-grants for teachers and enables additional activities for students; another big activity is the PTA reflections contest which showcases literary and artistic skills as part of a national competition – without the PTA it becomes exceedingly difficult for our students to participate
- Assistant Principals matriculate with students through their middle school years – e.g., Ms. Jordan will be the 6<sup>th</sup> grade principal for the incoming 2021/22 class and move with them through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- The same happens with school counselors so Ms. Russo will be the school counselor for the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> class (Dr. Woody-Pope will be with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and Ms. Burton will be with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Projected enrolment for 2021/2022:

- 970 students in-person (5 days per week) plus 83 virtual (part of APS virtual program)
- 361 in-person and 19 virtual students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 329 in-person and 39 virtual students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- 280 in-person and 34 virtual students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Ms. Jordan reviewed the typical schedule (7:50am-2:43am) – as with all APS middle schools, TJMS has a block schedule (A/B days).

Ms. Russo reviewed the electives for the different grades.

TJMS will continue the team structure for each grade:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams: Owls, Dolphins, Stingrays
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams: Penguins, Monarchs, Dragons
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams: TBD – we will have 2 instead of 3 due to smaller size (about 100 fewer students compared to last year for 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Mr Siegel reviewed after-school activities and sports – we expect a full schedule again!

- Recommend getting physical now that will be good through the next school year, go to Jefferson website under activities
- Physical just got updated: [vhsl-ppe-form\\_2021-final-1.pdf \(virginiapediatrics.org\)](#)

Mr. Malinosky reviewed the IB Program (IBMYP)

- All TJMS students are IB students at the middle school level
- Emphasis on service through myriad of activities
- We are one of 2500 IBMYP schools around the world
- Breadth and depth of learning – well-rounded approach to learning
- Link to website to look at what MYP report card might look like next year (draft): <https://jefferson.apsva.us/ib/policies-program-access/assessment-policy/>
- Community project – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working on that now
- Learning about service and promoting a sense of global citizenship

Equity and Excellence Coordinator – Ms. Stephanie Smith

- Learn more: [TJMS Equity Team - Thomas Jefferson \(apsva.us\)](#)

Transition from elementary to middle school – ongoing efforts to support transition, reminder to families to check emails and the TJMS website: [Home - Thomas Jefferson \(apsva.us\)](#)

Presentation will be posted to the TJMS home page. Looking forward to the 2021-2022 School Year!!

Question: With the upcoming APS middle school boundary review, will there be changes to TJ boundaries?

Answer: Unknown currently.

### **WRAP-UP/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Minutes from today's meeting will be translated (into Spanish) and shared via the listserv.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Fundraiser: <https://thomas-jefferson-middle-school-pta.square.site/> **Volunteer for the 2021/2022 PTA** – it takes a team to support our school! We also need parent representatives for the Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning

TJMS PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

- Summer School schedule: <https://jefferson.apsva.us/post/summer-school-information/>
- June SOL schedule: <https://jefferson.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2021/04/Final-2020-2021-SOL-Schedule1vfor-TJMS-Website-002.pdf>
- Next PTA Meeting and Town Hall: **TBD – September 2021**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AND TRANSITIONED TO MS. BOGGAN TO FACILITATE TOWN HALL.**