

TJMS MONTHLY PTA MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
Meeting Type: Regular TJMS PTA Meeting
Quorum: Met (minimum 10 members required; 31 people in attendance, including 19 members)

President: Amy Stalzer
Secretary: Jasmine Hayes

Call to Order: PTA President Amy Stalzer opened the meeting at approximately 7pm (meeting recorded) President reviewed the meeting agenda and noted a change in the order to move the Communications Committee report (from the Standing Committee Reports agenda item) to follow the Guest Speaker presentation.

Approval of Minutes – October 26th Meeting

The October meeting minutes were shared in advance via email and are posted online. No corrections were offered. The minutes stand approved as written.

Special Guest Presentation: Remote Learning Impact on Student Academic Performance, Dante Hicks, Director of TJMS Counseling Services

Mr. Hicks presented on the Virginia Growth Assessment results and first quarter grades (see slides #4-9). He (and Ms. Boggan) also talked about factors impacting the different results as well as interventions to target performance based on individual student needs.

Standing Committee Report: Fundraising

A report was given by Patricia Garcia, Fundraising Chair. Cards for Bingo Night (December 2nd) will be sold on Wednesday morning and can also be purchased at the event. Donations for Bingo Night can be brought to the main office.

Officer Reports

Reports were given by Amy Stalzer, President and Natanya Blackwell, Treasurer.

- President – *Teacher Grants Applications*: A motion was put forth (Amy S) and seconded to approve the PTA's recommendation to approve four teacher grant applications (total of \$835). Motion carried with 16 votes.
- Treasurer: There were no questions about the treasurer's report.

Standing Committee Reports

A report was given by Arlene Goyette, Communications Chair

Special Committee Reports

Reports were given by Amy Stalzer on behalf of Cyndi Gadhia, Reflections Art Contest Chair and Reidy Brown, TJMS Jefferson Garden Chair. Jimisha Relerford, ACTL Representative provided an update and shared the following resources:

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- English Language Arts Office – ELA Update (Full Presentation): <https://www.dropbox.com/s/m0gt6f0y1rzlm5l/ACTL%20Discussions%20on%20English%20Language%20Arts%20-%20November%202021.pptx?dl=0>
- ACTL Discussions on English Language Arts (Summary Presentation): https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ACTL-ELA-Update-11_3_21.pdf
- APS Video on Elementary Literacy Instruction: <https://vimeo.com/637986060/31a4b4e00c>
- Parent Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_j8UBeRJ9H2FfCij9HI8-tS-rYvae0EE5cwJjz7-Pr6qfQ/viewform

Laura Cooke, CCPTA Representative shared the following link for information about the CCPTA: <https://ccpta.apsva.us/>

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Teresa N. asked if the PTA coordinates Geobee, a National Geographic challenge. Note: Following the meeting, the PTA learned that National Geographic has permanently discontinued the Geobee program.
- Jesse S. asked if paper cutout Box Tops are still accepted as part of the Box Tops for Education program. The PTA found out that traditional unexpired BoxTops clips (i.e., paper/cardboard format) are still eligible for clipping and submitting to the program, but the TJMS PTA does not currently have a volunteer to manage the submission of traditional BoxTops clips. The BoxTops program allows any TJMS parent – not just PTA officers – to submit paper BoxTops clips on behalf of the school. If any parent would like to volunteer to be the TJMS PTA coordinator for the submission of paper BoxTops clips, they should contact president@tjmspta.org to let the PTA know your interest. Interested parents can sign up to coordinate BoxTop clip submissions at: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Coordinator-Submit-Box-Tops>

Closing Reminders and Key Dates

Reviewed key dates for activities throughout the month of December and reminded members that slides from today's presentation will be posted online. Next meeting will be held on January 18, 2022.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Hayes
TJMS PTA Secretary (2021-2022)

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