



John Hopkins Middle PTSA/SAC Meeting Minutes

PTSA Board and volunteers present: Kelly Williams, President; Nicolette Gomez, VP; Jamelia Triola, Treasurer; Meghan Abbott, Secretary; Marianne Shaffer, former President; Jane Thompson, Grants and Fundraising

JHOP staff and faculty: Mr. Jones, Ms. Bowers, Ms. Vongsyprasom

Other participants: 4 community

5:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

- Kelly introduced herself and notified participants the meeting was being recorded. She notified us that Kiona Singleton sent her regrets but has resigned as co-VP due to time constraints.
- Board members and volunteers gave self-introductions.

5:34 p.m./ JHOP Updates

- Mr. Jones, Principal, gave the presentation "Can we count on you?" a school-wide initiative to continue the "Aim Higher" theme from last year, with the 2020-21 theme "Unfinished business" focused on continuing success/momentum to increase school grade and scholar subject area achievements. Grades are based on 9 cells: 4 achievement components, 4 learning gains components, and one middle school acceleration measurement (at JHOP Algebra 1 and Geometry). JHOP is asking for commitment to reach individual scholar achievements not just through support of parents and faculty and staff but through buy-in from scholars themselves.

Questions from participants:

- o Q: Is there peer-to-peer mentoring?
 - o A: This is a great suggestion, thank you.
 - o Q: Can teacher's record their lectures to access afterward in case items were missed?
 - o A: Another great suggestion. Mr. Jones will look into it and follow-up to see if this is possible based on PCS regulations.
- Ms. Ameta Bowers, Family and Community Liaison, gave an update on volunteer opportunities. Virtual mentoring will start November 7, and that is a priority now. All volunteers should be sure to activate their accounts, as well as record all time given to volunteering in the volunteer site at <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/>



5:55 pm PTSA Updates and Discussion Items

- Jane Thompson, fundraising and grants, gave an update on current initiatives. She is working in cooperation with the City of St. Pete and the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA) to create an event for March 2021 related to flood awareness that is educational and engages community. She is identifying the stakeholders and developing a scope for the project. She spoke to Mrs. Crystal Pruitt and discovered that JHOP received a science grant from Tampa Bay Water (TBW) last year for \$3500 to do a water conservation project at the school. The grant was extended due to COVID so Jane and Crystal are reaching out to science teachers to see how to implement that grant. She will also be applying for an American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Florida Chapter grant of \$1,000 and will work with the school and science teachers to develop a project possibly in conjunction with the other grants and Florida Flood Awareness Week. That grant application will be due in March 2021. Jane is working with Crystal Pruitt to determine costs of live streaming events to find funding to help get what is needed. The goal is that Journalism would be involved in production for the other magnet performance arts and sports groups which would allow them to sell some tickets for social distanced events and then others can view online live. Jane reached out to SHINE Mural Festival, who have committed to support and fund to do the big wall on the back of the school for next year's festival. This will be a community engaged activity and involve Perkins and Gibbs, Poynter, SPC, among others. She is developing a stakeholders list, contact sheet and developing a plan to get there

Questions from participants:

- o Q: Have you reached out to the Innovation District for community involvement?
- o A: No

ACTION: Meghan to send Jane contact information.

- Jane made two additional proposal for PTSA consideration:
 - 1) A virtual fundraiser, like a Turkey Trot with self-reporting online but as a New Year's resolution event? Or a Snowman shuffle?

ACTION: Add virtual fundraiser proposal to November meeting agenda for vote.

- 2) As we request restaurant donations for appreciation events, can we also see if they are interested in purchasing advertising as banners along the fenceline?

ACTION: Ms. V noted that she has pricing for this, and will provide it to Jane to start pitching idea to restaurants and other organizations and businesses.

ACTION: Nicolette to share templates and other JHOP branded items Marianne provided from past years to prepare materials. Plan to upload them (as needed) to Teams group

Questions from participants:



- Q: Can families provide lunches as potluck donations?
- A: Timing is not right but can consider in other years.
- Nicolette provided an overview of results of PTSA survey to JHOP teachers about needs and wants. Thirty completed the survey and key immediate needs identified were technology, school supplies and cleaning supplies.
 - Mr. Jones noted school supplies and cleaning supplies are provided in JHOP title I budget, and he will continue to communicate that to faculty to ensure those needs are met.
 - Jane added JHOP received donation of 6 boxes of 20 books from the Rotary club arriving this Thursday, an identified need on the list for personal reading materials for students. As well, masks are being donated from the City of St. Petersburg.

ACTION: PTA to strategize how to meet that list of needs in terms of purchasing or getting donations for itemized list items.

ACTION: Nicolette will share copy of detailed list with Mr. Jones.

- Kelly gave an update on Teacher lounge and sponsorship for monthly appreciation activities. To date \$300 for fire retardant furniture has been donated, and a TV. The teacher survey identifies priority wants as comfortable seats, chairs and sofa.
 - Nicolette noted the survey also identified next priority need as food and drinks, snack machine. Also, positive messages, so the Art teacher is working with students on these.

Questions from participants:

- Q: Is permission needed for vending machines on campus?
- A: unknown
- ACTION:** Mr. Jones will look into it and follow-up with Ms. Bowers and let the PTSA know.
- Marianne Shaffer, noted the anti-bullying grant awarded last year is still in discussion.

ACTION: Marianne to give an update at next meeting.

- Nicolette gave a quick overview of a cookbook fundraiser event that had initiated last year but was put aside, and proposed to bring it forward again this year.
 - Kelly made a motion to support reignited the fundraiser
 - PTSA voted, all in favor, motion passed

ACTION: Nicolette to provide materials and information of where the fundraiser left off last year for follow-up. PTSA will aim to expedite for completing for Christmas purchasing but likely won't print until spring.



- Jane noted art fundraiser is something to consider for future, such as square one art.
- Jamelia, deferred treasurer's report to the next meeting as various banking

ACTION: Jamelia to give treasurer's report at November meeting.

- Kelly opened for public comment/discussion other items
 - o Ms. Bowers noted the PTSA flyers have been printed and were passed out in car line. Nicolette added she will post on FB page right away, and follow-up on discussions for journalism students to make a promotional video. NOTE – Crystal Pruitt agreed that the Journalism program would be able to do the PTSA add.
 - o Vanessa Vilchis, Arts Conservatory for Teens, gave an overview of various free programs and offerings they give to support cultural community enrichments from video to dance to theatre. Including at JHOP. She will email a flyer and video to the PTSA will more information.

6:40pm Adjourn