

MINUTES FOR JAMES BLAIR PTSA MEETING 9/26/18

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jodie called the James Blair Middle School PTSA General Membership Meeting to order at approx. 5:35 p.m. Present were: Jodie Davis, Keisha Atwood; Johnna Stubbs; Brandy Centolanza; Heather Hansen; Robin Williams; Tanya Vaughan; Kelley Crisci; Clare Callahan; Kim Rodgers; Angelique Crawford; Shannon Hassan; Mychael Willon; Linda Swinton; Scott Rhyne; Jodi Robinowitz; April Jones; Michelle Alexander; and Jennifer Stanley

II. OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report: Scott Rhyne made a motion to approve the PTSA bylaws as present. Motion was seconded by Mychael Willon. Approved unanimously; Scott Rhyne made a motion to approve the slate of PTSA officers for 2018-19 school year as follows: Jodie Davis, president; Keisha Atwood, first vice president, programs; Kelley Crisci, second vice president, membership and fundraising; Brandy Centolanza, recording secretary; Robin Williams, corresponding secretary; and Johnna Stubbs, treasurer. Motion seconded by Mychael Willon. Approved unanimously; Jodie Davis reminded everyone that moving forward PTSA meetings will be the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Next meeting is Oct. 23.

Vice Presidents' Report: Keisha Atwood announced there is still no Reflections Chair for this year. Any student interested in submitting artwork for the contest may need to do so directly to PTAC; Kelley Crisci thanked Angelique Crawford for creating the PTSA membership database. So far, there are 146 members and PTSA is looking for more; Roughly eight people have signed up for the DJM Color Run on Sept. 29. DJM is donating \$10 to PTSA for any runner who signs up under JBMS; Williamsburg Orthodontics has expressed interest in sponsoring a JBMS fundraiser this year; Crisci reminded everyone to continue to purchase JBMS spirit wear and also thanked Debbie Muse for starting the Box Tops program.

Secretaries' Reports: None

Treasurer's Report: As of Sept. 27, the PTSA has \$3,590 in its account. Expenses still need to be made including merchandise, PTSA state dues, and reimbursements. There is no formal budget yet.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairs are still needed for Reflections Store Rebate Programs, and Spirit Nights.

Box Tops Program: Box Top collection has begun. First deadline is Oct. 15.

Hospitality: An open house luncheon for teachers was a success with donations and discounts provided by New York Deli and Earth Fare. A binder with teacher likes/dislikes will be prepared to help with gifts for them. Hospitality Committee hopes to do something once a quarter for the teachers to show their appreciation.

PTAC: Deadline for Reflections is Oct. 15; Studio South and Williamsburg Orthodontics are planning a Be Kind Art project art show contest for schools. Winners will receive a \$500 award for their school; WJCC is reinforcing a no-sweets policy in schools. A list of approved snacks is listed on the SHIP website; There is a bill being discussed that could move the state primary election from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday to avoid conflict with the school schedule.

Merchandise: Heather Hansen encouraged people to continue to purchase school spirit wear and merchandise in order to meet the minimum order for the items.

Mini Grants: PTSA hopes to have money available in the spring to begin offering mini grants to teachers.

8th Grade Dance: A date needs to be set in order to start planning. Volunteers are also needed. It was suggested to have seventh grade parents chaperone the dance.

IV. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jennifer Stanley, School Improvement Specialist: Staff has proposed the acronym SPIN to reinforce student behavior expectations (S=Safe P=Prepared I=Innovative N=Nice). Volunteers are needed to hang reminders throughout the school; MAPS testing is set for the week of Oct. 1. After-school clubs will also start the week of Oct. 1; Bus runs continue to be late with some students arriving at 9:40 in the morning and other students leaving 1 hour and 15 minutes after school dismissal. Thank you notes will be prepared for bus drivers who are providing extra help; There was discussion of joining Twitter as a way to better communicate within schools.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 6:20 p.m.