

**Jane Addams PTSA  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7pm in the Library**

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

**2. Schools First Presentation, Ethan Morss and Peter Maier**

- February 12<sup>th</sup> is voting day for the levies (Operations and Capital). Both renewals of expiring levies. JAMS is scheduled to get \$4.4M in seismic improvements, \$700k for ceiling fans to help with energy usage, \$3.3M in site improvements, \$50K for playground removal, \$1.2M for lighting of south field, in addition to technology and security improvements being rolled out district-wide.
- Schools First is looking for a site captain to roll out communications, endorsement of the campaign, as well as donations (Board or individual)

**3. General Membership vote on budget amendments, Paul Weinstein**

- Adding an advocacy line item
- We don't have a line item in the budget specifically for advocacy, but there is a note in the Community Building line item, so we're covered for this year.
- **Paul moves to create a new line item in the budget called "Unallocated" to cover unanticipated expenses. Motion is seconded and passes.**
- **Paul moves that we donate \$500 to Schools first from the Community Building line item. Motion is seconded and passes.**
- **Paul moves that we vote to endorse the levies. Motion is seconded and passes.**

**4. Approve minutes from November 5 Board meeting, Kim Love**

- Minutes stand approved

**5. Committee Reports**

- **Treasurer's report, Paul Weinstein**
  - i. Total is way ahead of last year. We recently received a check for about \$9k in matching. More should still be coming in throughout the year from matching and regular donations.
  - ii. Building is still planning on doing the auditorium upgrades, that PTSA may have some extra money to help fund. There are many things to upgrade. Sound seems to be the highest priority.
  - iii. Building would also still love more laptops. JAMS students have a lower ratio of technology access than other middle schools in the region.
- **Communications update, Julie Bradley**
  - i. Public data request for parent emails came in and about 400 new emails have been imported.
  - ii. This includes 12 for languages that we can't support (they're not even supported by Google translate).
  - iii. Open rate has, predictably gone down, but the number of readers has actually increased.
- **Landscaping update, Colleen Weinstein**
  - i. Planning more communications that put JAMS front and center in levy messaging
  - ii. RAM fundraiser closed with \$474 netted for JAMS. Brings the staircase funds raised to \$24,500.
  - iii. She'll continue to push the tiles after the new year.
  - iv. In order to apply for the next grant, we need to have a significant portion of the \$100K matched.
  - v. Basketball courts have been rehabbed in the back, with new painting courtesy of day of caring, and backboards purchased by the building.

- vi. No ideas or proposals for an MLK project day, so looks like it won't happen
- vii. New bulbs were planted and should be blooming in February.

- **Membership report**, Julie Bisson

- i. We got Silver, bronze and gold membership awards, indicating we have more members than last year.
- ii. PTAvenue has a new report that is indicating more members, as many as 363.

- **Nominating Committee**, Julie Bradley

- i. Two people have committed to being on the nominating committee. Looking for more, but nobody's stepped up. This committee is responsible for coming up with the slate of officers for the 2019-20 school year, voted on at the spring general meeting in May. Paula will send out an email via School Messenger targeting schools that are currently underrepresented by the folks currently on the committee.

## 6. Ongoing Business

- None

## 7. New Business

- **Issues with gift card drive**, Julie Bradley & Kathy Gerke

- i. Gift card donations can go directly to Sanjay. No donation receipts can be issued

## 8. 8:10-8:30: Principal's Report

, Paula Montgomery

- Olympic View students will all be zoned to JAMS to the tune of about 30-40 additional students next year. OV currently splits between JAMS and REMS
- Next year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Orkila. This will allow for all of them to go at once for 2 nights/3 days. They're giving us a substantial donation for FRL students so the price will be comparable to Colman.
- JAMS just received \$9500 for things like coats, instruments, anything that will help students access the full range of services offered to students.
- School of distinction designation: Schools that are rapidly improving as evidenced by the SBA. We're considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest improving school in the state. We've improved rapidly in each subgroup (including FRL students, where the population has grown a lot).
- District is projecting a substantial budget gap, substantial budget reduction for last year.
  - i. Possibly going back to 3-tier bussing or putting middle schoolers on Orca cards
  - ii. WSS committee will decided on changes to the formula that determines what goes to each school
  - iii. Probable reductions in House Administrators, increase in class sizes
  - iv. We don't know yet if JAMS will be able to access the funds from the City's Family & Education levy passed in November. Fewer middle schools are qualified, since this levy is also going to pre-schools.
  - v. We're looking at 4.5 FTE reduction.
  - vi. Three lunches: administration likes it. Special ed folks have piped in saying they like it.
  - vii. Staff needs to vote to waive their contract in order to have an advisory. Then lunch schedules can change with lunches accordingly. Vote would happen by mid-winter break.
- viii. Basketball is adding a C-team, which will accommodate 20 students. They still had to cut 80+ students.
- ix. JAMS received a ~\$100k grant that funds our interventionist, Daniel Adjei. The grant requires that JAMS implement a screener survey (similar to the Healthy Youth Survey) about drug and alcohol usage for adolescents that's being piloted in multiple middle schools with an interventionist. The survey results can lead to brief intervention for individuals and referral to treatment. The grant does ask us to do a universal screen, and the plan is to roll that out to next year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders. JAMS hasn't implemented it yet, and is figuring out the best way to implement it.