

**Jane Addams PTSA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 14, 2018 at 7pm in the Library**

1. **Welcome/Introductions**
2. **Approve minutes from December 10 Board meeting**, Kim Love
  - Minutes stand approved
3. **Committee Reports**
  - **Treasurer's report**, Paul Weinstein
    - i. We have \$142k in the bank; 31% more than at this point last year
    - ii. \$113k in donations vs \$91k from last year.
    - iii. Goal this year should be to spend down our budget. Conversation around budgeting this year will be how much to fundraise next year and what big-ticket items we'd spend that money on.
      1. With the extra fundraising raised, we can fund a laptop cart.
    - iv. Budgeting asks from staff will happen in February.
  - **Landscaping update & new grant opportunity**, Colleen Weinstein
    - i. Department of Neighborhoods has reduced the grants from \$100k to \$20k
    - ii. New grant called Youth and Amateur Sports through King County concerned with reaching minority groups. Colleen is trying to get a grant to fund the mile running loop project. She needs to submit a letter of intent
    - iii. Environmental Stewardship day in May (Colleen is thinking the 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>)
    - iv. Reaching out to Microsoft about day of caring.
    - v. Need a traffic coordinator.
  - **Nominating Committee**, Kathy Gerke
    - i. Three confirmed for the nominating committee. They'll be voted in at the general meeting.
  - **Membership report**, Julie Bisson
    - i. We're close to 370 members
  - **Coordinating events and efforts with Hale**, Sheryl
    - i. Kathy and Sheryl met with a parent liaison at Hale. They would like to co-market parent events with JAMS. They don't have a PTSA, but they have a community organization instead. They'll reach out to Julie Bradley regarding communications.
4. **Ongoing Business**
  - **Check Yourself survey**, Paula Montgomery
    - i. Lisa Davison talking about the screener survey.
    - ii. Grant comes from King County for 3 schools including JAMS to implement **Screening Brief Intervention Referral To Services (SBIRT)**
    - iii. Daniel Adjei will help implement the program and screening tool to students who have presented themselves as needing interventions (high level of behavioral issues, presenting substance abuse). The current Healthy Youth survey gives completely anonymous, high-level data. The screener has been used with a small group of students, but admin is hoping to

deploy it to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Looking for student strengths, goals, anxiety, intent to use substances, and use the data to decide on programming to offer at the school

- iv. The web-based screener assigns a proxy id to each student. Screeners can be flagged based on the information, so counseling team can decide how to deal with it. Parents can opt their kids out of taking the screener. Depending on the severity and kind of flag, parents might be notified. Students are informed of their privacy rights. With the level of privacy that 13-year-olds are afforded, counseling staff will use their professional standards to decide on supports and whether to communicate to parents.
- v. Some concerns from other districts have been around student ability to skip certain questions.
- vi. Laws about family notification apply only to federally funded surveys, which this is not. But SPS is committed to being open with parents. Each school is determining the best way to notify families, including how to opt out. Students will be informed what the screener is about and also how to opt out or skip sections. There is a FAQ about the screener on the website. ([https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_543/File/District/Departments/CoordSchoolHealth/SBIRT/SBIRT\\_InfoParentsGuardians\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_543/File/District/Departments/CoordSchoolHealth/SBIRT/SBIRT_InfoParentsGuardians_ADA.pdf))
- vii. Grant is funded for 3 years with the possibility of renewal.
- viii. Consider putting on a parent night? Maybe talking about the screener in connection with a crisis connection night on suicide prevention.

## 5. New Business

- **Go over Thursday's General Meeting, Kathy Gerke**
  - i. Meeting starts at 7 in the auditorium
  - ii. Welcome, approval of minutes, Treasurer report, and nominating committee vote.
  - iii. Sanjay will emcee the high school info programming
    1. Paula will talk about open enrollment process
    2. Students who volunteer to speak can get volunteer service hours
    3. Nathan Hale has confirmed. Still need Roosevelt and Ingraham. Middle College – no alumni. Nova – no alumni. Center School. Lincoln – still need

## 6. Principal's Report, Paula Montgomery

- How are we following up on the recent student death. Crisis Connections does parent outreach on suicide prevention. They'll also do staff training. Admin will look into dates
- SPS budget will have drastic cuts. JAMS will go up in enrollment with Olympic View grads all coming to JAMS next year. Part time librarian for all schools is a possibility. SPS Budget numbers come out 2/28 and JAMS has about a month to turn it around
- Families and Education levy funding should be the same as previous.
- MLK assembly will be on Friday
- Early Feb: Norris Frederick is a former Olympian, was homeless and in foster care, went to UW, and is now a motivational speaker and will speak to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip will be to Lynnwood Skate and Bowl
- Camp Orkila has been booked for next year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- New electives: Theatre tech and musical choir classes