Jane Addams PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 8, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Library

1. Welcome/Introductions 2. Approve minutes from September 17 Board meeting, Kim Love • Minutes stand approved 3. Committee Reports

• Treasurer’s report & Annual Give update, Paul Weinstein

i. Not many reimbursements have come in yet from teachers, committees, etc.

ii. About $20k more in the bank than at this time last year

iii. Annual Give a little behind where we were at last year.

iv. Advisory Challenge is slower to launch as Paypal payments often come in without student and advisory teacher names, and take a while to parse out with the office.

v. Robin has created communications calendar.

vi. One family has committed to participating in a matching promotion. Robin is looking for more.

• PTSA Membership, Julie Bisson Current count is 296 members, compared to 230 at this time last year. Of the 296, 14 requested scholarships. There are more first-time members this year. Sending out the membership form in the first day packet/mailing seemed to make all the difference. We received 23 completed forms without checks attached and even though a couple of them indicated that they would join online, they did not. Julie may follow up with these families and ask if they'd like to join.

• Communications update, Julie Bradley and Jill O’Connor

i. Public records request was approved to get family emails. Starting Nov 9 the newsletter will reach all those folks. We’re currently at about a 33% open rate.

ii. School can send out a curriculum night reminder that can include a note about the newsletter.

iii. Windermere granted $2k for backpacks. Robin has a contact that can ease Windermere grant proposals iv. Librarian will loan us laptops for Curriculum night for people to sign up for newsletters, donate, etc

v. Website set up to include Paypal link. vi. Julie will print the PTSA info sheet, looking for suggestions on what to put on the backside.

• Landscaping update, Colleen Weinstein i. BEX V Levy-activism needed from everyone.

School Board was presented recommendations on 9/26. Board asked for smaller projects from more schools. We have broken our ask down to half of the original so $3.2 million. This would be enough to accomplish: our south side of the school needs; covered basketball court, amphitheater, crazy staircase and viewing seat wall. Staff lot lighting and resurfacing. Front entrance paving, drainage and lighting improvements. All items were drawn directly from the landscape master plan at JAMSDREAMBIG.org 1. ACTION\* Email the School Board to ask for their support of these needed safety and enrichment opportunities for our school. scott.pinkham@seattleschools.org, rick.burke@seattleschools.org, jill.geary@seattleschools.org, zachary.dewolf@seattleschools.org, leslie.harris@seattleschools.org , betty.patu@seattleschools.org, capitallevy2019@seattleschools.org Comments are tabulated (though they should maybe have different subject lines). Scott Pinkham will have a community meeting at the NE library on the 28th, and we can also talk to him there. a. Suggested email wording: The $7.3 million re-modernization of JAMS in BEX Levy IV did nothing to address the outdoor needs of our 69-year-old 20-acre campus. Please support the inclusion of Jane Addams Middle school outdoor site improvements on the BEX V Levy. An amount of approximately $3.2 million will repair the most pressing needs of our community. 2. 2019 School Levies Timeline

a. Oct./Nov. 2018: Board Introduction: Staff recommendations for both levies presented

b. Oct/Nov. 2018: Levies 2019 Public Hearing to be held between introduction and action

c. Oct./Nov. 2018: School Board Action/vote to adopt the levies and place them on the ballot for the

February 2019 Special Election d. Jan. 2019: Ballots mailed to voters e. Feb. 12, 2019: Deadline to return ballots

• Day of Caring wrapped up until MLK day. We can take care of indoor projects as that’s not a school day.

• Jane Addams Community Stair Project 1. Fundraising is extremely slow

a. Currently at $22,60 b. Tiles sold: 10 of 175 total. Colleen will present at Curriculum night c. Reset fundraising goal to include grant, makes our 23%, 60%

• RAM Uvillage Takeover event Tuesday, November 13 from 5-8 pm. JAMS would receive 10% of profits from the evening in restaurant or bar. 4. New Business

• General Meeting Curriculum night prep, Kathy Gerke 2. Asking board members to come by 5:30 3. Possibility of partnering with Counselors on parent education nights (May and other events?)

• Jan 17 General meeting: High school information night. 1. Sanjay will help Paula round up presenters from the high schools 5. Principal’s Report, Paula Montgomery

• We’re at 935 students, compared to about 903 last year. No cuts in staffing.

• JAMS projected to become the largest middle school in a few years.

• Oct 26 is Latinx night. The club is planning a Coco screening in Spanish and food.

• .5 FTE ELL IA in Mandarin.

• Dr Stephanie Fryberg, American Indian studies faculty at UW who instructs and speaks on culturally responsive, growth mindset instructor/speaker, has money and would like to spend it at Hale and JAMS to create identity-safe classrooms.

• Daniel Adjei has been connecting with students to see what they want from after school opportunities, and finding vendors to fit their needs  
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