

## **Jones Lane Elementary School PTA Summer Update 4**

So far we have exactly 15 people attending tomorrow's PTA meeting. We need 15 attendees for quorum, so consider coming to give us a little wiggle room and ensure that our 2020/21 slate of officers can be voted into office. If all goes well tomorrow night, this will be my last email before I hand over the reins to Stacy.

It has been a pleasure serving as your PTA President for the past two years. Even with the uncertainty of the next school year, I'm sure that Stacy and the rest of the board will use PTA resources to bring the JLES community closer together even while we need to socially distance and will continue to be a source of valuable information.

### **JLES PTA MEETING - TOMORROW, JULY 7TH, 7:30 PM - ABERDEEN PARK**

Please come to tomorrow's PTA meeting to vote in our new officers and discuss how the PTA can help JLES students in the coming school year. We will need to reimagine how PTA can serve our students and want to hear your ideas!

Please RSVP via this link. A "no" response will be helpful in our planning, but of course we are hoping for "yes"!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FAFAD2DA0F94-ptameeting>

Attendees should bring chairs and masks and sit 6 feet apart. The slate is below.

**President: Stacy Kravitz**

**Vice-President Chairs: Sarah Weinstein**

**Vice-President Fundraising: Francine Dugan**

**Treasurer: Jane Mugrage**

**Banking Secretary: Nicole Boston**

**Secretary: Amy Fenzel**

Minutes from the last PTA meeting are attached. That meeting seems like a lifetime ago! [March 2020 Minutes.pdf](#)

### **MCPS SURVEY**

You have a few more days to complete the MCPS survey. Responses are due by 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8.

<https://novisurvey.net/ns/TakeSurveyPage.aspx?s=9277534bc313417ebf9915378e952243&tsid=9b4904d8c1774b8f8205d200127ab2b2&c=en-US>

## **PRODUCE BOX DISTRIBUTION**

Free produce distribution is scheduled on Thursday, July 9th from 12-12:30pm at the West Side Drive entrance of Malcolm King Park. The boxes weigh 25lbs and we only have enough boxes to provide 1 per family. PLEASE wear a mask and follow social distancing rules. We need to keep all JLES families and volunteers safe. ONLY complete this form if you are a Jones Lane family and need a box delivered to your home. We have limited volunteers and can only deliver to Jones Lane families whose parents are working and unable to come to the distribution or who live in other school neighborhoods. All others are asked to attend the distribution. Please call or text Jessica Berrellez if you have any questions (301) 300-8429. <https://forms.gle/z4JarZqQYu7BQzsQ6>

## **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS WEBINARS**

A webinar discussing the impact of racism on mental health is scheduled for Tuesday at 6:30 PM. See the flyer for more details.

[Waymaking-Racism-Mentalhealth-final.pdf](#)

JLES PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 7:30 p.m.



Respectful  
Responsible  
Ready to learn

## Minutes

- I. **Opening – Jen Legge, PTA President**
  - A. Call meeting to order & note presence of a quorum (quorum is 15)
  
- II. **Minutes –**
  - A. Point out attendance/sign-in sheet and remind everyone to sign in
  - B. State that minutes from the Feb meeting have been emailed – are there any corrections/additions? If not, the meeting minutes stand approved.
  
- III. **Principal’s Report – Mrs. Carole Sample**
  - A. Discussion of assessments and testing  
The teachers in attendance introduced themselves.

Mrs. Tehrani started back to work, and her husband is doing well.

Mrs. Sample reminded the group about Kindergarten orientation on April 16 and 17 and asked attendees to spread the word, especially to Spanish speakers. She also reminded the staff and parents to monitor the kids social media behavior and look for cyber bullying and cyber safety. She asked that parents let teachers know if they hear anything.

Mrs. Sample thanked the PTA for generous gift for the sign. She is working through the procurement process and is hoping to have it installed over Spring Break.

Mrs. Bauer discussed Arts Night. For her last 13 years in the County, she did Arts Night at her other school(s). Arts Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 21 – 6-8 PM. Art will be displayed in hallways. Rooms will be open for make and take projects, such as clay, collage, drawing, and painting. There will be recorder concerts by class in the APR. She will discuss more at the staff meeting about use of rooms and bulletin boards. She needs teacher and other volunteer help so that there’s at least one adult per room. There will also be opportunities for SSL hours at the event and the week leading up to the event.

Spring Concert is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hennelly gave a PowerPoint presentation about testing.

- Local standardized – Benchmark Oral Reading Record
  - Measures reading accuracy, fluency, and comprehension skills
  - Informs instructional practice measures and individual student progress
- MAP M (math) and R (reading)
  - Measures of academic progress. Does not give grade level. Gives Lexil level – reading level
  - Kindergarteners test on a chrome book. Map P is read to them.
- Gifted and Talented screening 2, 3, 5. 4<sup>th</sup> not tested.
- CogAT test. Coincides with CogAT.
  - March 17 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders rescreened. Just identification. Not for placement
  - K-2, 3-5, 6-8 if screening wasn't done before.
- Cognitive Abilities Test
  - Gives recommendations for math and reading for following year.
  - Gives teachers information about where the students are.
- Center for Enriched Studies and Middle School Magnets
  - Fox Chapel. Test was last week for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- KRA – Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.
  - Sampling of 10%. 2-3 kids test.
- Access for ELLS – Jan and Feb. language proficiency annual
- MISA – MD Integrated Science Assessment – draft calendar
  - 4 units, 40 minutes each.
- MD Comprehensive Assessment program (mcap) ELA and Math – used to be PARCC
  - 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grades, April – May.
  - Draft calendars coming out next week.
  - Try to have your students in class because they perform better in a normal environment than in a make-up situation.
  - Shorter testing times. 40 minutes vs 60, 75 vs 90
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- District assessments – performance matters. K-5. Kindergarten don't take on computer.
- MCAP scores won't be available to parents until Spring next year.
- MAP – can access scores via portal.

#### IV. **Officer Reports**

##### A. **Treasurer Reports**

###### 1. **Melissa Dreyfus**

**Added sign to budget**

###### 2. **Jane Murgage**

##### B. **VP Fundraising - Sarah Weinstein**

Carolyn Silvey asked about the Previous Years line item in the budget. It includes FlipGive income and expenses from international night passport printing and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell activities.

Sarah Weinstein said there are still auction items available. She's going to post them to the PCWC listserv.

#### V. **New Business & Discussion – Jen Legge, PTA President**

A. Nominating Committee for 2020 Board Elections. The slate will be announced 10 days prior to the May 5th meeting.

B. Committee Chairs to submit budgets and plans

C. Scheduling discussion - too many things on Fridays?

The attendees discussed moving some events to other days of the week. Although religious concerns would be a factor in trying not to schedule everything on Fridays, not all events will be moved from Friday. World Cultures Night was of specific concern, but it was determined that the Committee Chair should still have primary say in choosing the day of the week for the event. It was suggested that the PTA release a draft schedule for input before finalizing.

#### VI. **Committee Reports – Annette Roberts, Vice President**

A. **Thank You To: Katie Pastrick** - Box Tops contest; International Night thank you to **Mugdha Tipnis, Katie Pastrick, Sarah Weinstein, Margaret Weiner, and Jay Tipnis** and all the families who hosted a booth and came to the event; Thanks to all Room Parents and Party Planners for a great Valentine's Day

B. **Read Aloud** - Nicolete Woods/Gloria Pak, March 2-6 THIS WEEK!

C. **Science Fair** - Stacy Kravitz, April 17<sup>th</sup>

○ **7-8:30 PM – projects get moved to gym**

○ **no PE on Monday, no gym teacher.** Have classes walk through on Monday.

- **Could students do things in classroom during school.** Can't add things have full schedule already.
  - **Recess time?**
  - Craft-tivities table – Mrs. Eldred on committee and involved.
  - Promo – art table – snapshot of Arts Night
  - Donations would be tax deductible
  - Promotions – first graders video promo – FaceBook and JLES Blast, Dayline
- D. **Used Book Sale** - Selling at STEM Night, taking donations now.
- E. **Kindergarten Orientation** - April 16th & 17th, No school for Kindergarten students only. Call the office to put your name on the list for Kindergarten Enrollment.
- F. **Teacher Appreciation Week** - May 4-8. All room parents will be getting an email from Chrissy Spano about making the week-long celebration more uniform across the school.
- G. **Jagfest**- Margaret Weiner, Friday May 29th.
- H. **Green School Update** - Carolyn Silvey
- Thanks to Grandpa Bob for making a stand with a thermometer for the courtyard. Home for summer? Teachers got a slide show with garden templates. 2 gardens. Box building day and Planting day will be scheduled for the end of May. Teachers will sign-up to plant and water.

STEM Cart question – teacher asked if they wanted STEM Cart or watch a movie. The response was “movie,” so they took the cart to a different classroom. Another time only half of class was allowed to play with it. How can we make the use of the STEM Carts more equitable?

VII. Adjourn – Jen Legge, PTA President

*The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 5th, 2020.  
Chips and salsa will be provided!*

WAYMAKING SPECIAL:

# A COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

on the

# IMPACT of RACISM on MENTAL HEALTH

## WHEN:

**JUN 30, 2020** 6:30 PM EST

TOPIC: **Addressing barriers and stigma  
to receiving mental health**

[JOIN THE WEBINAR](#) - Password: 938494

**JUL 7, 2020** 6:30 PM EST

TOPIC: **Eliminating stigma and advocating  
for the need of mental health services**

[JOIN THE WEBINAR](#) - Password: 167672

## HOSTS:

Dr. Christina Conolly  
&  
John Landesman

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