

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of John Adams Elementary School General PTA Membership Meeting

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Thursday, March 14th

Agenda

Spring2ACTion: Marietta Jemison

- Biggest fundraising campaign- all over Alexandria on one day fundraising event
- Started at John Adams 4 years ago
- April 10th, 2019
- through generous donors we have raised over \$18000
- Goal for this year is \$6500
- Bryn Morris Foundation will be giving us a \$1000 matching grant.
- MKJ Homes will be donating \$500
- Push PTA members and staff at school to get 5 people to donate to Spring2ACTion
- Donations can come through cash, online platforms
- Any local entities that you recommend we should speak with please reach out and let us know!
- We always need volunteers! Please reach out and we would love to have your help!
- Supplies will be ready after Friday, March 15th
- Important upcoming dates: March 27-April 9th is early giving period.

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- Meeting minutes read

Budget update with Bryan Powell

- December we have 14000 that still needs to be spent
- AV set up in cafeteria will be a large budget
- February we have ~13000 to spend
- Ahead of budget in sales of food
- Below budget in membership
- Motion to approve

Dan Quigley- Technology Specialist at John Adams

[Presentation Link](#)

- Online safety and resources to enrich at home

- **Clever-** provides links to ACPS resources
 - clever.com/in/alexandria
 - Students can log in with badge that they get from teacher
 - Grades 2-5 can log in with google account
 - many programs to support learning are available through Clever
 - Math
 - Coding
 - Video editing
 - Discovery Education- video database
- **Other Resources**
 - Epic books
 - 1000s of titles available in English and Spanish
 - Reach out to teachers for access
 - ABC Mouse
 - ABC YA
 - Khan Academy Kids/Khan Academy kids
 - Osmos- motor skills/technology game
 - letter, coding, tracing, math
 - K-5
 - Only available on Apple products
 - Chatterpix
 - LetterSchool App
 - Dreambox
 - Interactive with Spanish language
 - Prodigygame
 - Math games
 - Google Sketchup, Tinkercad
 - Design and build
 - CodeSpark, Code.org, Scratch and Scratch JR., Dash and Dot Robots
- **Common Sense Media is a resource for internet safety and information about using the web with kids.**
 - Bookmark this page as a resource to use as a guide
- **Contact Dan Quigley with tech questions or for the code to access Clever**
 - daniel.quigley@acps.k12.va.us

Higher Achievement Stefani Holzinger

- After school and summer enrichment program in the area for 11 years serving students in Alexandria
- We include rising 5th graders at the Elementary School level can participate in our program
- 5-6 weeks Monday-Friday with Academic classes in Social Studies, Math, Reading and Science during the summer.
 - All project-based learning
- No cost!
- Anchor curriculum around SOLs
- Where does the program run?
 - Francis C. Hammond Middle School
- How do you enroll?
 - <https://higherachievement.org/> for more information about enrollment.
 - See flyer for more information

- See Ms. Bridges School Counselor for more information
- Summer program starts 6/26
- Fall semester between in early October
- Field trips to local Universities- full immersive day with professors and fun activities
- 7-8th graders can stay overnight at another trip
- Transportation can be provided from ACPS
 - Late bus will also take students to participate in this program at Hammond
- After school is 3 days a week/Summer program is every day
- Students are interviewed in order to be enrolled
 - Interesting in finding students who want to participate and want to grow academically.
- Students hear about the program through their 4th/5th grade classes

Principal's update- Ms. Canton

- Kindergarten open house 3/21- looking for volunteer parents
- We are very close to being selected for Alexandria Soccer

Next PTA meeting April 11th