September 2019 PTA Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Jackie Buckley and Danielle Burwell, Co-Presidents
Elizabeth Callanan Mitchell and Audrey Cooling, Co-Vice Presidents
Katie Wilson and Jenna Browning, Co-Treasurers
Suzanne Smalley, Co-Secretary
Alysia Lutz, Principal
Mike Barnhart, Assistant Principal
Mellissa Modico, Teacher
Tara Cooksey, Heather Turekian, Ginny Warren, Past Presidents

Principal's Report

- The Janney greenhouse is close to being ready for a late fall grand opening. A bit of final work and inventory is underway and then the greenhouse will open.

- During staff meetings over the summer Janney and JAC staff received sexual abuse prevention training with PTA funds. The training covered how to detect if a child is being abused and what safeguards to implement to prevent it from an organizational perspective.

- DCPS is reviewing field policies and there will likely be a new policy governing whether and how funds can be raised for use of the Janney field after hours.

- PARCC scores show dramatic gains for Janney students with test scores up 9 points up in ELA and 1 point up in math.

President's Report

- The PTA is seeking auction chairs and community service committee chairs

- The website committee is exploring additional uses for AtoZ directories; it worked very well as a means for announcing class assignments

- On Sept. 12 author James Gordon will speak about stress relief and self-care – he worked in Haiti after a devastating earthquake and in Broward County after Parkland shootings.

- On Sept. 18 there is a community dinner at Potomac Pizza

Treasurer's Report

- Last year SSF participation was 76 percent compared to 70 percent historically.

- It is important for committee chairs to be reminded to get receipts for reimbursement in early

- The merchandise committee sold a great deal of inventory at the new family meet and greet popsicle party, bringing in $865.