

JPMS PTSA 2022-2023 General Meeting #4

Date | Time Tuesday, March 14, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

Location: JPMS Media Center and via Zoom

Meeting Called By: SooAnn Roberts

Type of Meeting: General Membership

Note Taker: Shelly Liu

Time Keeper: Michele Lane-Cull

Attendance: President, SooAnn Roberts

VP/Treasurer, Megan Lane-Cull

Secretary, Shelly Liu

JPMS Principal, Jon Green

Guest Speaker: Kenny Sholes

Nominating Cmte: Michelle Bender

Guest: Councilmember Balcombe

Guest: Councilmember Jawando

see attached

ZOOM [LINK](#) & INFO:

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AGENDA ITEMS & MEETING MINUTES:

Agenda Item	Facilitator	Meeting Minutes
Welcome & Introductions (7:00 p.m.)	President	Link agenda in zoom chat Introduce Guest Speaker and Special Guests Call meeting to order
Mission Statement (7:02 p.m.)	President	The PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

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		Challenge: What message from the mission statement do you want to take with you in to your future?
Check In / Establish Quorum (7:03 p.m.)	President ▾	<p>Participant Sign-In Form for those attending in person Link Participant Sign-In Form in zoom chat</p> <p>Only members vote. Establish quorum by Zoom poll + raised hands. Virtual meeting hosts and co-hosts (1 people) as well as members on shared screens (0 people) were not included in the zoom poll because they couldn't vote in the zoom poll.</p> <p>Quorum: 7 in person (7 adults) + 4 zoom (2 adults + 2 students) + 1 hosts = 12 members</p>
Principal Report (7:05 p.m.)	Principal ▾	Notes: We are looking at the Maryland report card and remaining 4 star, and see a lot of significant impacts in math. We are winding down at the end of the 3rd marking period, getting ready for spring break, and then getting ready for the 4th quarter. We are looking at hiring some staff for next year.
Nominating Committee Report (7:07 p.m.)	Committee ▾	<p>Update by Michelle Bender Announce Executive Committee candidates: SooAnn Roberts, Megan Lane-Cull and Shelly Liu are staying on as part of the Executive Committee for next year. Review Committee Chair vacancies: Class of 2023 parent rep, NAACP parent council, Chair for Advocacy Committee, Chair for Communications Committee, Chair for Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Chair for Next Year Nominating Committee.</p> <p>Reference: JPMS PTSA Team Chart outlines Board- and non-Board- roles</p>

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Motion to Approve General Meeting Minutes (7:10 p.m.)	Secretary ▾	<p>Presentation of JPMS PTSA 1/10/23 General Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Motion to approve Jan 10th 2023 Meeting Minutes put forth by SooAnn Roberts. Motion second by Michelle Bender and Marilee Pazicky.</p> <p>Vote from Members via Zoom Poll: 5 votes Vote from in-person Members: 6 votes Total vote: 100% approval of Meeting Minutes</p>
Fundraising Committee Report (7:13 p.m.)	Committee ▾	<p>Announcement by Michelle Bender: new event! Parent vs Teacher Kickball Fundraiser Tues., 25 April at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Notes: We will need volunteers to plan the event and parents to be members of the team. Almost a dozen school staff members will be participating.</p>
Treasurer Report (7:15 p.m.)	Treasurer ▾	<p>Presentation of 2022-2023 Financial Position</p> <p>Notes: The PTSA has \$10,904.35 in the bank with \$944.34 in uncashed checks (staff appreciation, winter social, scout table project and dues). That makes the available balance \$9,960.01. The Winter Social totals are in and we were well under the budgeted \$1500. Note: the original budget included \$1400 income from ticket sales but the Exec Committee and Event Committee decided to drop ticket sales, making it a free event for all families.</p> <p>The next couple of months are our high-spend months with promotion and end-of-year awards and celebrations (budgeted \$4500). It is important to the PTSA that these functions remain accessible to all. We are looking to host additional fundraisers to build a stronger buffer on PTSA funds. <i>Given current budget and forecasted spending, we are currently looking at a ~\$3500 cash</i></p>

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		<i>balance at the end of the fiscal year.</i>
Special Guest Speaker: Kenny Sholes, Foundry Admissions Strategies (7:17 p.m.)	Guest #1 ▾	<p>Presentation (15 minutes) + Q&A (10 minutes)</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Middle school is too early to dive into the admissions process. You have time!</p> <p>Reminder to parents that there are so many great college options out there! This includes community colleges. Look beyond focusing on "name brand" schools to include a broad range of options, not just that top 10 list.</p> <p>Starting early (10th & 11th grade, <i>not</i> 7th & 8th grade) pays dividends.</p> <p>Seeing increasingly no guarantees in college admissions these days. University of Maryland is a good example; students who you expect to get in aren't, and students you wouldn't expect to get in do. So at the high school level focus on a balance that increases prospects. There is a self-guided method to this process; another reason an early (in high school) start is better.</p> <p>Seeing a large amount of burnout amongst students by the time they even get into college! Important to find a balance to the approach of high school engagement and the college admissions process. PHS is very supportive.</p> <p>See presentation slide "The Successful Graduate" for 6* areas of focus of which we can begin to be mindful.</p> <p>*SAT/ACT may not be a factor in a few years; most all colleges nationwide are currently test-optional. Mr. Sholes recommends</p>

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that applicants take the test so you have a score that you can choose to use as an asset.

Email: foundryadmissions@gmail.com

Instagram: @foundryadmissions

Q&A:

Q - How important is it that high schoolers take additional years of foreign language? Do they look at middle school?

A - Depends on which college you are applying to; for most colleges, the MCPS graduation requirement is sufficient (3 years total). If you are majoring in a foreign language, or applying to a more selective school, you will want to show more years.

Q - We are fortunate to have a magnet school in our Cluster, but how much does it matter for

A - In terms of outcomes, he hasn't seen any correlation between magnet students vs the other PHS options. PHS has an awesome recognition all up and down the east coast, and a reputation as a magnet school. Individual programs will recognize the difference between PHS programs, but overall ISP does just as well in acceptance outcomes as the other programs.

Q - How can we expose our kids to other jobs outside of what they think they want to do now since chances are they may change their mind.

A - He actually sees more situations where students don't know what they want to do and feel like they're the only one that doesn't know!

Look at schools that offer a lot of options!

Create a list of interesting people and track the educational backgrounds of those people in a spreadsheet to try to spot trends.

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President's Report (7:42 p.m.)	President ▾	<p>The Poolesville Cluster (Principals + PT(S)A Presidents + Cluster Coordinator) now has standing meetings with our MCPS Area Associate Superintendent, Dianne Morris. Over the last two meetings, topics discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Issues with middle school student safety as it pertains to bullying, especially acts of violence - verbal, psychological, and physical - that occur just off school grounds, at a bus stop, etc. where MCPS staff have no authority to intervene and police have investigative limitations.- Need for co-located Wellness Center for all in our greater rural community.- Inequity in electives offered at JPMS vs other MoCo middle schools; any possibilities to tap in to virtual framework- Inequity in student accessibility to extracurricular activities, including mental health appointments, due to transportation and walkability issues- Transportation issues impact on select students whose long commute challenges placement- PHS construction issues and its impact on student/staff physical and mental health as well as academics- Filter-first approach to better protect students and staff from contaminants such as lead and PFAS in their drinking water
Member Q&A (7:50 p.m.)	open ▾	<p>With special guests, Councilmember Will Jawando and Councilmember Marilyn Balcombe.</p> <p>As always, we're here to hear you! email: jpsptsq.678@gmail.com</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ON Universal lunches for MCPS students:

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advocacy state and national level but hasn't happened yet; at a county level would need to plan for that in a different way - perhaps through partnership with federal or state government as without it it's simply not sustainable

Think that part of the issue is that there are a lot of students who are eligible that don't apply.

MCPS is the 14th largest school district in the country; we have more students who are free/reduced lunch recipients than DC has students.

- ON wellness center in Poolesville:
County has heard loud and clear that Poolesville! Advantage of the medical center not being co-located at PHS is that it could be open for all, whereas if co-located it limits use to those in the school.

There is the beginning of a plan/community conversation of health care access through medical center in addition to co-located wellness center.

- ON Fentanyl issue:

Councilmembers have been concerned about the issue; middle school is not too early to address the issue. Parents knowing signs of when kids might be using Narcan training, etc. is out there.

One of the issues is the availability of Narcan and training on Narcan is something we can address

- ON mental health services for students

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		<p>Telehealth options for mental health access; now is a state issue since it requires the student to sign out of school and participate off school grounds and with a parent, but now can be in school.</p> <p>State Bill in legislative advocacy to try to look at that to allow telehealth mental health services for high schools.</p> <p>Councilmembers would support future legislative advocacy to increase/expand telehealth access at the middle school level.</p> <p>- ON indoor air quality: now installing CO2 monitors in every classroom; deployment already happening and hoping to be done with installs by the end of this summer. We are grateful for this.</p> <p>- ON water quality: from pesticides that we allow in the ag reserve, we have found PFAS in our wells and our school water. Requires a sophisticated filtration system, and is needed especially at PES as well as older buildings. Another thing that is grateful is funding for 2 hydration stations for every school with a carbon filter.</p> <p>Council has done some work pre-covid on inspection of water fountains but look forward to working further with us. They are aware of PFAS levels/guidance and the related issues.</p> <p>Few weeks ago at Council retreat, Ike Legit reminded everyone that there will always be someone in the crowd that knows more/understands an issue better on any given topic. Council appreciates these people.</p> <p>- ON Transportations: a big issue here, such as elective classes as virtual options.</p>
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SSL Instructions (8:15 p.m.)	Treasurer ▾	Point of Contact: Megan Lane-Cull, megan.l.lane-cull@mcpsmd.net SSL form instructions: https://bit.ly/SSLinstructions SSL Form: https://bit.ly/SSLform

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 via in person and via [Zoom](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Participants list (27 participants):

In person:

Adult Members: SooAnn Roberts, Megan Lane-Cull, Shelly Liu, Julee Brower, Michelle Bender, Chris de los Santos, Marilee Pazicky

Student Non-Member: Maximilian Pazicky

Zoom:

Jon Green
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Christina Neidlinger

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