

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Facilitator: Sujata Mitra, Vice President

In attendance

Vice President: Sujata Mitra

Secretary: Larkin Harris

Treasurer: Caitlin Terrell

Teacher Appreciation Chair, Field Day Lead: Jen Palute

Room Parent Chair: Alison Johnson

School Board Update: Michelle Rief

Class Sizes: School population shifts quite a bit, given the transient nature of the area.

1. State of VA Requirement: Membership Report is completed in October (school counts are taken)
2. Planning & Enrollment Projection: A 10 year projection is completed annually and generally falls within 1% of actual enrollment.
 - a. K-2: 22 Students
 - b. 3-5: 26 Student

Enrollment meetings are held as part of the budgeting process to ensure funds are distributed appropriately across the district.

Schools occasionally see a large influx of students, there are additional funds set aside in the budget to address this.

Teacher pipeline is low, which has made hiring teachers more difficult.

Redistricting: What is the anticipated impact on JH?

Boundary Analysis was completed across Alexandria Elementary Schools.

In SY22-23 JH enrollment was 393 (K-5) with 362 of these students living in the district. Capacity at JH is 407.

Changes will not be implemented until SY26-27

Lockdown Incident at Charles Barrett:

Nationally, SWATting, submitting threats of violence that are not valid. All threats are taken seriously and will be acted on.

ACPS shared information with families impacted by this event.

Please utilize the Communication tab on the ACPS website to learn about Emergency Communication and how decisions are made when it comes to communicating events.

Teacher Retention:

Northern Virginia is a very competitive market for teachers. More information can be found below. Board Members suggest add/deletes for the budget.

<https://alexandria.ic-board.com/attachments/a8825449-d55c-4111-9a7e-449ca8f2886a.pdf>

Administration Update: Dr. McCain

Introduction:

Lorena Aguilar: Family Liaison

Darcia Treadwell: 3rd Grade

Rebecca Zwisler: 8th Grade English

Chronically Absent Report:

50% PK

Numbers are decreasing in all other grade levels.

Middle school performing best.

ALL In Tutoring

SOL scores from last spring showed more than half of all 3-8 graders (334,687) are at risk or failed the Reading SOL. In Math, 2/3 of all 3-8 graders (327,598) are at risk or failed.

All In is high-intensity academic tutoring.

Tutoring will occur Monday-Thursday, Reading and Math will each take place 2x/week

Intervention and enrichment times have been built into the Master Schedule.

How can you be all in? Ensure your child is in attendance at school, Volunteer, Partner with your scholar's teacher, ask questions, spread the word.

[ALL In Tutoring | Virginia Department of Education](#)

February Events:

JH Day of Service (1/31/24): Throughout February students will be encouraged to engage in acts of kindness and service.

JH Black History Museum

Snack and Paint: 2/13 – 2:50-4:15p Registration is currently open and will close on 2/1 (Register on Parent Square)

Secretary Update:

December minutes approved.

Committee Updates

Winter Clubs: Are halfway through, if parents haven't paid, please visit our website (Club Section).

Spring Club Registration will open in early March. Spring Clubs will start after Spring Break.

If anyone is interested in volunteering please email us at pta.jeffersonhouston@gmail.com

Teacher Appreciation: 2/14 Rejuvenator Cart

Fundraising Update

February 2: Chipotle Restaurant Night – Dine in or Take out (3425 Richmond HWY, Alexandria, VA 22305)
33% of your purchase will be donated to the JH PTA.

Spring to Action Matt and Tony's

Finance Update

No Finance update for January.

Community/DEI

No DEI update for January.

Room Parent's Report

No room parent report for January.

Next PTA Meeting

February 29th, 7:00 pm

Zoom

