**James Franklin Smith Elementary School**

**General Association Meeting Minutes**

04/15/2015, Multi-Purpose Room

1. Meeting called to order at 8:06am by Usha Kalahasti
2. Approve prior GA Mtg Minutes
	1. Approved - Amy Hsu
	2. Second - Usha Kalahasti
3. Approve Treasurer Report dated 3/10/15 - Rita Patel
	1. Approved - Usha Kalahasti
	2. Second - Bobi Thai
	3. Conflict/Whistleblower forms to be signed by all Board Members
	4. New Warrant Forms have been formed:
		1. All Chairs will have to approve all activity-related expenses
		2. Added contact information to warrants
4. 2015-2016 Board Nominations & Key Positions - Sterling Larnerd

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| President | Bobi Thai | Approved by Pari Pham, second Amy Hsu |
| Vice President /Membership | Kawal Johal |  |
| Auditor | Jennifer Chiou | Approved by Bobi Thai, second Amy Hsu |
| Treasurer | Rita Patel |  |
| Financial Secretary | Sulu Pai |  |
| Historian | Pari Pham | Approved by Sulu Pai, second Amy Hsu |
| YahooGroup | Helen Fong |  |
| Newsletter | Jaishree Chitkara |  |
| Web | Geetha Dedara |  |
| VolunteerCoordinator | Charu Seth |  |
| ParentConnections | Rani Rajan |  |
| Parlementarian | Raelene |  |
| Secretary | Angeli Garg |  |
| Hospitality | Sonia Fanelli |  |
| Fundraising Committee Chair | Usha Kalahasti |  |
| Community Events Chair | Vaneessa Retuta |  |

* 1. Since each position had single candidates, approval was obtained by voice vote.
1. MCW update- Usha
	1. Picnic had huge turnout
	2. Folktale readings - all classes were read to
	3. Country booths were missed by students and have requested them for next year
	4. Quiz from Country Booths - 294 kids participated
2. JFS Nomination for Blue Ribbon School - Usha
	1. For distinguished school, activities and consistently good API scores
	2. Will find out in September, principal goes to Washington DC
	3. We are the only school in the district to be nominated
3. Pledge Tiles - Jennifer Chiou
	1. Last painting session this afternoon and tonight
	2. If children and family did not get a chance to paint their tiles, PTA will paint one on their behalf with the family name
4. Parent Connections - Paint Night - Neeta
	1. Thursday April 16th (30 people signed up, with wait list)
	2. Mrs. McCormick to teach.
	3. A hit - consider another one for next year

K. PTA Spending Update - Usha

* 1. Shade structure to be bought
	2. Closure by May to be able to place the checks in the current budget year
	3. May 8th instate deadline
	4. This Friday for out-of state deadline
	5. Additional technology needs
		1. Staff to address at the next Staff Meeting
	6. Working with Google docs

L. Staff Appreciation - Vanessa

* 1. Super Hero theme
	2. May 4-8.

M. Carnival - Vanessa

* 1. June 5 from 5-8 (extended hours)
	2. This Friday at 10 am - planning meeting
	3. New games (9-hole mini golf & drag race) and food trucks this year
	4. Ticket sales AND wrist bands (excludes food)
	5. Will ask new board members to volunteer and participate
	6. Possible high school volunteers, although classes end in Evergreen High Schools at the end of May
1. PTA Calendar - Usha
	1. Bobi will meet with team for new calendar
	2. Event chairs will be invited based the events
2. Principal’s Update - Mrs. McClintock
	1. Mr. Tate will be honored on May 20 for exceptional nonclassified worker
	2. Minecraft for gold rush in 4th grade, ancient civilizations in 6th grade
	3. Mrs. Frankina is helping with the technology programs
	4. Ms. Ortega (new principal) happy to come to a morning meeting in May
	5. Leading to platform-independent technology learning
3. Book Fair - Seema Mulji
	1. Apr 27-May 1
	2. teacher breakfast the first day
	3. M-Tu added preview back to the book fair - so far 8-9 classes have signed up
	4. Theme - Under The Sea
4. Earth Day - Sulu Pai
	1. Apr 22 (Walk to School Day)
	2. Book Swap Apr 21-22 (to bring books) and Apr 24-25 (to swap books)
	3. Hydroponics display for Open House - 1st graders are working on it

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:48am

Attendance:

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| Usha Kalahasti | Rita Patel | Snehal Adodra |
| Jennifer Chiou | Helen Fong | Amy Hsu |
| Rebecca Kim | Sonia Fanelli  | Pari Pham |
| Aishwarya Rengan | Jaishree Chitkara | Raelene DeSantiago |
| Jennifer Meagher | Sushma | Bobi Thai |
| Vanessa Retuta | Sterling Larnerd | Sulu Pai |
| Kawal Johal | Sangita Patel | Geeta |
| Judy Yee | Hyunjung Cha | Sterling Larnerd |
| Bobi Thai | Jasmine Oh | Sushma |
| Seema Mulji | Jennifer Chiou | Pari Pham |
| Sujatha Ramanathan | Neeta Kapoor | Fareeha Sultana |
| Rani Rajan |  |  |