

**JRE PTSA Meeting
June 8, 2022**

This meeting was held both in-person at JRE School and virtually via Zoom.

Participants:

Dr. Leah Kedley – Principal
Kara Ricotta – Co-Chair
Danielle Shannon – Co-Chair
Robin Barone – Treasurer
Brooke Fossey – Secretary (Zoom)
Kara Cannarozzo
Annalise Johnson-Smith
Marni Kleper
Megan Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairs Kara Ricotta & Danielle Shannon
 - Welcome and Call to Order at 7:09pm by Danielle Shannon, seconded by Annalise Johnson.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – Chairs
 - Quorum established.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Secretary Brooke Fossey
 - Confirm Receipt of Proposed March 16, 2022 Minutes by Members.
 - Minutes were posted on the PTSA website.
 - Motion to Approve March 16, 2022 minutes by Leah Kedley. Seconded by Annalise Johnson. All in favor. Motion carries and minutes are approved.
4. SCHOOL UPDATE – Principal Dr. Kedley
 - Gratitude to the PTSA for their partnership and assistance throughout this entire school year. We accomplished so much together despite the many challenges presented by COVID this year.
 - Flag Day ceremony will start at 10am, picnic lunch will follow. A reminder will go out.
 - Very excited for next year, for new and returning PTSA members, and for continuing to grow and develop together.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Robin Barone
 - Robin Barone made a motion to approve Michelle Kostick as Treasurer for the next two years. Unanimously approved.
 - Robin is still awaiting reimbursement requests for Cultural Arts, Yearbook, ASEP, and some other program areas.
 - We were successful with budgeting this year and this allowed us to spend on some extras this year. Robin will leave notes for the next treasurer and program chairs with suggestions for each program. Robin will meet with and train Michelle.
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - After School Enrichment
 - Finishing up LEGO, Rainbow Club and Chess.
 - Art Ambassador – Hinda Mandell
 - “Art Ambassador was folded into International Day this year, which I personally loved. All students in attendance that day learned the paper- fold

to create an Origami heart, as part of this year's program called "Community Hearts." I received permission to display photos of students doing community service (as inspired by their hearts) on the hallway boards by the Main Office, and the photos/display will be installed on June 14-15. I'll be sure to post photos of the display on the JRE Facebook page."

- Bike to School Day – Brooke Fossey
 - Another successful Bike to School Day! We probably had around 200 students participate. Shirts were a lot of fun and although there were a few hiccups, everything worked out. Fundraiser: 144 shirts sold, total of \$360 raised. Hope to pick up the check soon. Everything seemed to run smoothly with regard to drop-off and pick-up, use of the church parking lot, notifying crossing guards, etc.
 - Check should be made out to Jefferson Road Elementary School PTSA.
- Book Fair – Danielle Shannon
 - No updates.
- Box Tops
 - No updates.
- Community Service
 - Carolyn will chair again next year.
 - Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha reached out to see if we would like to participate in monthly drives (likely taking November off for Ingathering). Coordinate with student council for some hands-on help with the older grades.
- Cultural Arts - Christina Ficcchia
 - "I am so proud of how well everyone has worked together this year to make some great memories and organize fantastic activities for our students. Principle Kedley has been amazing and so supportive. Extra EXTRA big shout out to Liz Bartolotta who has been doing so much of the administrative legwork for submitting the information and getting our vendors paid. Such an awesome job to International Day Planners to getting us some big names at the school, and I loved the opportunity for myself and my kids to do some good with Rise Against Hunger. I am still waiting on a budget update from the District, but in my records, we were able to spend all of the dollars that can't be rolled over next academic year out of the budget. We still have a good amount left, possibly around \$9k is what I have as an approximate. Don't quote me just yet, but I believe we can roll it all over and won't lose any funds. It was no small feat, considering we weren't able to use buses for any field trips. Fingers crossed that we might be able to buses as a resource for CA and field trips next year. Great job to everyone this year! And excited for next year. If anyone has ideas, Feel free to email them to me over the summer and into the school year. I am going to try to start a running "ideas" list."
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Annalise Johnson-Smith
 - Planning for next year, including a possible book club for parents.
- Ice Cream Social & Art Show – Kim Taylor
 - Very well attended! Over 700 pre-ordered ice creams. Lessons learned for next year.
- International Day – Marni Kleper and Kara Cannarozzo

- Successful day with very positive feedback. Cultural Arts paid for the performances and workshops. Food donations were covered. Less than \$200 spent.
 - Would like to have greater representation from parts of Africa and Asia.
 - STEAM: Recommend convening a committee to plan for next year to figure out age-appropriate activities for reach grade level.
 - Family Fun Night – Sara DeLaurentiis
 - Went well and high attendance. Lessons learned for next year.
 - PTSA Membership
 - No updates.
 - Staff Appreciation – Ann Temple-Frank
 - No updates.
 - Supply Kits
 - Can order through June 22 and pick up will be in August. It is a fundraiser!
 - Spirit Wear – Megan Dean
 - No updates.
 - Fifth Grade Transition
 - No updates.
 - Yearbooks
 - Yearbooks have just come in. Extras were ordered for each classroom and for any 5th Graders that did not order them.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- None
8. NEW BUSINESS
- Pollinator Gardens: District PTSA approached us to see if they could host a raised-bed garden and create curriculum around it, such as a unit on butterflies.
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Back to the Future Day will be next week where seniors come back. Current students will be allowed to decorate the walk with chalk.
 - Need 5th Grade Transition, ASEP, and a few other program chairs for next year.
 - Each One Reach One: we should all be inviting someone to join us in our PTSA program areas, especially of younger grades, to ensure longevity of the board.
10. ADJOURNMENT – (BY GENERAL CONSENT OR MOTION) – Chairs
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by general consent.